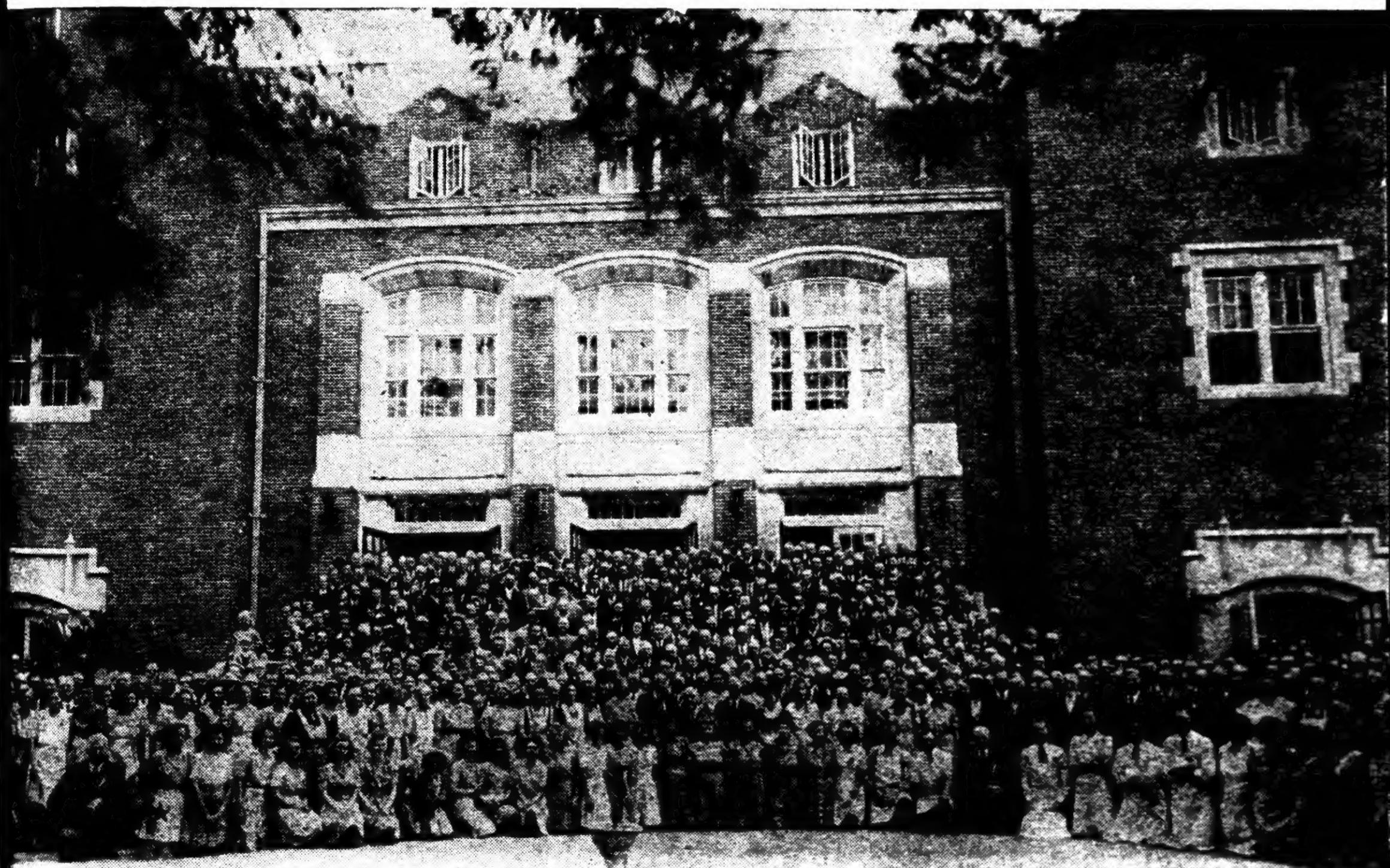


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## The General Conference Opens A New Bookstore

For many years the General Conference, through its Board of Publication, has maintained a bookstore at Berne, Indiana, known as the *Mennonite Book Concern*. A vast amount of good literature as well as other useful supplies for home and church have, through the years, been provided for members of General Conference churches and others through this source, and the profits from the bookstore have helped materially to provide the financial means for maintaining our conference publication work.

However, the Board of Publication felt that it would be more convenient for many members of our conference churches to have a distributing place for books and other supplies farther west than Berne, Indiana, especially since a large portion of the constituency of the conference lives in the middle and western states. Acting on this feeling the Board, at its annual session in 1945, decided to open another bookstore in Newton, Kansas, in connection with the *Mennonite Publication Office*, located at 722 Main Street. The two stores are not to compete with each other but rather to co-operate in supplying good literature and other articles for home and church use, and all profits derived from sales by both stores will flow into the Publication Board treasury to be used in support of the publication work of the General Conference.

### The 1946 Catalog

A new catalog for 1946 has just been completed and copies have been sent to some 6000 readers of the conference papers. This catalog lists a large number of books and other articles carried by the two conference bookstores, and members of conference churches, and others as well, are cordially invited to use this catalog and order their books and other supplies from one or the other of the conference bookstores. By doing so you help support the publication work of the General Conference and thereby increase its volume and usefulness. If you have not received one of these catalogs, please ask for one and it will gladly be sent to you.

Your business will be appreciated. Address all orders and correspondence about books and other supplies to the

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**Budget**

The Budget for the coming year is as follows:

Minister at Large .....	\$2400.00
Traveling Expenses of the M. AT. L. ....	300.00
Portland Taxes .....	75.00
Newport .....	180.00
Winton .....	96.00
Worker's Exchange .....	250.00
Bethel College Rep. ....	60.00
Caldwell project .....	600.00
Miscellaneous .....	239.00
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	\$4200.00

**OFFICERS OF THE  
EASTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE**

**Board of Trustees (Executive Committee)**

President — Rev. Howard G. Nyce, 1528 Chew St., Allentown, Pa.  
Secretary — Rev. Ward W. Shelly, Coopersburg, Pa.  
Treasurer — Mr. Alvin H. Alderfer, 3235 Fuller St., Philadelphia 36, Pa.

**Program Committee**

Mr. Victor C. Backensto, 943 S. Poplar St., Allentown, Pa., Chairman, 1946  
Rev. Walter J. Dick, 4131 N. Darien St., Philadelphia 40, Pa., 1947  
Rev. Ward W. Shelly, Coopersburg, Pa., Secretary, 1948

**Credentials Committee**

Rev. Amos W. Geigley, Fairfield, Pa., 1946  
Mr. Herbert S. Stauffer, Dublin, Pa., 1947  
Mr. Walter H. Temple, 1124 N. 18th St., Allentown, Pa., 1948

**Home Mission and Church Extension Committee**

Mrs. Richard Havens, 1921 13th Ave., Altoona, Pa., 1946  
Mr. Herbert S. Stauffer, Dublin, Pa., 1946  
Rev. Freeman H. Swartz, 507 Hamilton St., Norristown, Pa., President, 1947.  
Rev. John J. Plenert, Lansdale, Pa., Secretary, 1947  
Mr. Joseph B. Bechtel, 4912 Knox St., Philadelphia 44, Pa., Treasurer, 1948  
Rev. A. J. Neuenschwander, 724 Juniper St., Quakertown, Pa., 1948

**Board of Managers of the Home for the Aged**

Mr. Howard Hasson, Frederick, Pa., 1946  
Mr. John Latshaw, R. D., Barto, Pa., 1946  
Rev. Freeman H. Swartz, 507 Hamilton St., Norristown, Pa., President, 1946  
Mr. Jacob M. Landis, R.D. No. 2, Quakertown, Pa., Vice-President, 1947  
Mr. Ely Fretz, Pleasant Valley, Pa., Treasurer, 1947

Mr. Norman K. Berky, Bally, Pa., Assistant Secretary, 1947  
Mr. Monroe S. Geissinger, Macungie, Pa., Secretary, 1948  
Mr. Abram S. Kulp, 142 N. 6th St., Perkasie, Pa. (resigned), 1948  
Mr. Harry M. Detwiler, 402 E. Board St., Souderton, Pa. (appointed)  
Mr. J. Walter Landis, R. D. No. 1, Quakertown, Pa., Financial Secretary, 1948

**Educational Committee**

Rev. Howard T. Landes, 6813 Clearview St., Philadelphia 19, Pa., Secretary, 1946  
Mr. William H. Mohr, 1929 Kenmore Ave., Bethlehem, Pa., 1946.  
Dr. Elmer E. S. Johnson, Hereford, Pa., 1947  
Mr. Robert A. Landis, 711 Vine St., Perkasie, Pa., 1947  
Rev. A. J. Neuenschwander, 724 Juniper St., Quakertown, Pa., Chairman, 1948  
Mr. Jacob R. Fretz, 537 Derstine Ave., Lansdale, Pa., Treasurer, 1948

**Peace Committee**

Mr. Paul Clemmer, 4531 Cottman Ave., Philadelphia 35, Pa., 1946  
Rev. John J. Plenert, Lansdale, Pa., 1946  
Rev. George S. Stoneback, Fairfield, Pa., Chairman, 1947  
Mr. J. Herbert Fretz, Secretary, 1947  
Mr. Willis A. Moyer, Harleysville, Pa., Treasurer, 1948

**Board of Managers of Men-O-Lan**

Mr. Alvin K. Alderfer, 340 E. 9th St., Conshohocken, Pa., Treasurer, 1946

Mr. David B. Clemens, Morwood, Pa., 1946

Mr. Robert M. Landis, Zion Hill, Pa., Vice President, 1947  
Mr. Norman Geissinger, R. D. No. 1, Zionsville, Pa., Secretary, 1948

Rev. Walter J. Dick, 4131 N. Darien St., Philadelphia 40, Pa., 1948

**Sunday School and Young People's Committee**

Mrs. George D. Greger, Schellsburg, Pa., Young People, 1946

Rev. Howard T. Landes, 6813 Clearview St., Philadelphia 19, Pa., S. S., 1947

Mr. Robert M. Landis, Zion Hill, Pa., Retreat, 1948

**Publication and Historical Committee**

Mr. Walter H. Temple, 1124 N. 18th St., Allentown, Pa., Secretary, 1946

Rev. Paul R. Shelly, Bluffton, Ohio, 1946

Mr. James Gerhart, R. D., Barto, Pa., Vice Chairman, 1947

Mr. William Snyder, M. C. C. Office, Akron, Pa., 1947

Dr. Elmer E. S. Johnson, Hereford, Pa., Chairman, 1948

Mr. Victor C. Backensto, 943 S. Poplar St., Allentown, Pa., Treasurer, 1948

**Benevolent and Relief Work Committee**

Mrs. Ely Fretz, Pleasant Valley, Pa., 1946

Rev. Elmer D. Hess, 18 S. 5th Ave., Coatesville, Pa., 1946

Miss Huldah Myers, R. D. No. 2, Quakertown, Pa., Secretary, 1947

Mr. Ernest Leitzel, Richfield, Pa., 1947

Mrs. Jacob R. Fretz, 537 Derstine Ave., Lansdale, Pa., Chairman, 1948

Rev. George D. Greger, Schellsburg, Pa., 1948

**Building Fund Committee**

Mr. Weston K. Hartzell, 302 Main St., Souderton, Pa., 1946

Mr. Samuel W. Reiff, Collegeville, Pa., 1947

Mr. Harry M. Detwiler, 402 E. Broad St., Souderton, Pa., 1948

**Bluffton College Trustees**

Mr. Jacob R. Fretz, 537 Derstine Ave., Lansdale, Pa., 1946

Rev. Freeman H. Swartz, 507 Hamilton St., Norristown,  
Pa. 1948  
Mr. William H. Mohr, 1928 Kenmore Ave., Bethlehem, Pa.,  
1950

**Budget Committee**

Rev. Howard G. Nyce Mr. Alvin H. Alderfer  
Rev. Freeman H. Swartz

**Trust Fund and Finance Board**

Mr. Alvin H. Alderfer Mr. J. Walter Landis

**Auditors**

Mr. William H. Shelly Mr. Walter H. Temple  
Mr. Harry M. Detwiler

**Joint Conference Continuation Committee**

Our Representatives

Rev. Freeman H. Swartz Rev. John J. Plenert  
Pennsylvania Council of Churches  
Our Representatives

Rev. Freeman H. Swartz ..... Comity Committee  
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**PRESENT MEMBERS OF THE  
MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE**

P. C. Hiebert, Chairman,  
Sterling, Kansas, 1920-  
H. A. Fast, Vice Chairman,  
Newton, Kansas, 1943-  
Orie O. Miller, Secretary-Treasurer,  
Akron, Pa., 1921-  
H. S. Bender, Assistant Secretary,  
Goshen, Ind., 1930-  
C. F. Klassen, Winnipeg, Manitoba, 1944-  
H. E. Bertsche, Gridley, Ill., 1939-  
Henry F. Garber, Mt. Joy, Pa., 1936-  
David V. Wiebe, Reedley, Calif., 1941-  
J. A. Huffman, Upland, Ind., 1939-  
David A. Regier, Mountain Lake, Minn., 1944-  
S. C. Yoder, Goshen, Ind., 1939-  
F. H. Wenger, Moundridge, Kansas, 1943-  
I. W. Bauman, Bluffton, Ohio, 1941-  
Eli J. Bontreger, Shipshewana, Ind., 1942-  
Elmer G. Swartzendruber,  
Wellman, Iowa, 1941-  
Jesse Hoover, Nappanee, Ind., 1940-  
Jesse B. Martin, Waterloo, Ontario, 1941-  
J. G. Toews, Altona, Manitoba, 1944-  
P. G. Lehman, Kitchener, Ontario, 1945-  
\*J. A. Ringenberg, Fort Wayne, Ind., 1942-

**Mennonite Aid Section Members**

**Officers**

Henry A. Fast, Chairman,  
North Newton, Kansas.  
C. L. Graber, Vice-Chairman, Goshen, Indiana  
A. E. Janzen, Secretary, Hillsboro, Kansas  
Orie O. Miller, Ex Officio Member,  
(M. C. C. Executive Secretary)  
Akron, Pennsylvania

**Additional United States Members**

H. E. Bertsche, Gridley, Illinois

Arnold Hofer, Dolton, South Dakota  
J. W. Hoover, Nappanee, Indiana  
Amos Horst, Akron, Pennsylvania  
J. A. Huffman, Upland, Indiana  
L. A. Miller, Arthur, Illinois  
David Regier, Mountain Lake, Minnesota.  
Elmer Swartzendruber, Wellman, Iowa  
Harry Yoder, Bluffton, Ohio  
A. L. Yost, Moundridge, Kansas

**Canadian Members**

S. F. Coffman, Vineland, Ontario  
C. F. Klassen, Winnipeg, Manitoba  
Jesse B. Martin, Waterloo, Ontario  
Julius Toews, Altona, Manitoba

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Harold S. Bender, Chairman, Goshen, Ind.  
Jesse W. Hoover, Secretary, Napanee, Ind.  
P. C. Hiebert, Sterling, Kansas  
Orie O. Miller, Akron, Pa.  
J. N. Smucker, Bluffton, Ohio  
Don Smucker, Princeton, New Jersey

**Clothing Centers**

Anna Snyder, Supervisor at Akron, Pa., Center  
Anna Myer, Assistant at Akron Center  
Clara Snider, Supervisor at Kitchener, Ont.,  
Center  
Dorothy Swartzendruber, Assistant at  
Kitchener Center  
Selma Linscheid, Supervisor at Newton,  
Kansas, Center  
Margaret Froese, Supervisor at Winnipeg,  
Manitoba, Center

**List of All Mennonite Bodies and Others  
Which Cooperate in M. C. C.**

Mennonite (Old)  
The General Conference of the Mennonite  
Church of North America  
The Mennonite Brethren Church of North  
America  
The Krimmer Mennonite Brethren Church of  
North America  
The Central Conference of Mennonites  
Brethren in Christ  
Church of God in Christ (Mennonite)  
The Conservative Amish Mennonite  
Old Order Amish  
The Defenseless Mennonites  
The Mennonite Brethren in Christ  
The Evangelical Mennonite Brethren  
Missionary Church Association

**Officers of the M. C. C.  
(As of October 31, 1945)**

**I. Relief Section**

J. N. Byler, Director,  
Relief Candidate Secretary

Atlee Beechy, Co-Director of Food for Relief Program  
 Russell Massanari, Co-Director of Food for Relief Program  
 Delbert Gratz, Relief Research Associate  
 Samuel Goering, Director of Northwest Europe Region  
 Delvin Kirchhofer, Director of Italy Region  
 Henry Detwiler, Director of Middle East Region  
 Harold Sherk, Director of Far East Region  
 Harry Martens, Director of Puerto Rico Unit  
 Willard Smith, Director of Paraguay Interests (no longer is)  
 C. J. Rempel, Director of Canadian Center at Kitchener

**II. C. P. S. Section**

Albert Gaeddert, General Director of Camps  
 Erwin Goering, Regional Director  
 Ralph Beechy, Regional Director  
 Rufus Franz, Regional Director  
 David Suderman, Regional Director (no longer)

Bertran Smucker, Co-Director of Hospital Section

Warren Leatherman, Co-Director of Hospital Section

William Snyder, Director of Dairy Section

Roy Umble, Educational Liaison  
 Elmer Ediger, Educational Secretary

**III. Peace Section**

Howard Charles, Director of Section Mennonite Aid

J. Winfield Fretz, Director of Section Publicity

Daniel Suter

Richard Blosser

**Financial Section**

Raymond Schlichting, Comptroller

**MENNONITE BRANCHES—THEIR LEADERS AND MEMBERSHIP TOTALS (Facts as of August 31, 1945)**

**1. Central Conference of Mennonites.** Pres., Harry Yoder, Bluffton, Ohio. Sec., E. W. Rediger, Washington, Ill. Membership:

**2. Church of God in Christ Mennonites.** Moderator: Frank H. Wegner, R. F. D. 2, Moundridge, Kan.; Sec. P. G. Hiebert, Hillsboro, Kan. Membership in U. S. slightly over 3,000 and 1,200 in Canada.

**MENNONITE WORLD POPULATION BY COUNTRIES****(Church members)**

1. The United States .....	128,000
2. Russia .....	64,000
3. Holland .....	53,000
4. Canada .....	45,000
5. Germany .....	22,000
6. Mexico .....	9,000
7. Paraguay & Brazil .....	1,000
8. Poland .....	2,500
9. France .....	2,200
10. Switzerland .....	1,700
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>332,400</b>

**3. Conservative Amish Mennonite Church.** Moderator: Emanuel B. Peachey, Belleville, Pa. Secretary-Treasurer: Ivan J. Miller, Grantsville, Md. Membership (1944 figures) 2,818.

**4. Defenseless Mennonite Conference of North America.** Moderator: H. E. Bertsche, Gridley, Ill. Secretary: M. L. Klopfenstein, Grabill, Indiana. Membership: 1,700.

**5. Evangelical Mennonite Brethren.** Chairman: Rev. J. N. Wall, Dallas, Ore. Secretary: D. G. Fast, Mountain Lake, Minn. Field Secretary: H. H. Dick, Mountain Lake, Minnesota. Membership: Around 1,700 in U. S. and Canada.

**6. General Conference of the Mennonite Church of North America.** Chairman: Rev. J. N. Smucker, Bluffton, Ohio. Secretary: Rev. Walter H. Dyck, 722 Main, Newton, Kansas. Membership: 37,781. (U. S. and Canada).

**7. Hutterian Brethren.** Membership: 5,742 (1944 figures).

**8. Krimmer Mennonite Brethren of North America.** Chairman: Rev. C. F. Plett, Hillsboro, Kan. Secretary: Rev. W. W. Harms, Hillsboro, Kan. Membership: 1,640 in U. S. and 250 in Canada.

**9. Mennonite Brethren Church of North America.** Chairman: Rev. H. D. Wiebe, Bakersfield, Calif. Secretary: Orlando Harms, Hillsboro, Kansas. Membership: Close to 9,000 in U. S. and about the same in Canada. to 9,000 in U. S. and about the same in Canada.

**10. Mennonite Brethren in Christ.** Chairman: Rev. R. P. Ditmer, 506 S. Arlington Street, Springfield, Illinois. Membership in 1945 was listed as 12,800.

**11. Mennonite General Conference:** Modera-

tor: Allen H. Erb, 710 Carson Avenue, LaJunta, Colorado. Secretary: Amos O. Hostetler, Topeka, Indiana. Membership: In U. S. 51,062; Canada 6,004; India, South America, and Africa 2,214. Total 59,280.

**12. Old Order Amish Mennonites:** Eli J. Bontreger of Route 2, Box 70, Shipshewana, Indiana, reports, that ". . . the Old Order Amish Mennonites have no conference and no president, moderator, or presiding elder. Each congregation is supposed to have its own bishop, and we work together for a common cause and in unity although there are some variations in customs and rules in different sections of the country. Membership in 1945 was listed as 13,408. However, Bontreger suggests that this may be low as a considerable number of new members are added yearly."

**13. Old Order Mennonites:** Membership was listed as 4,590 in 1945.

**14. Reformed Mennonite Church:** For information write Jacob L. Kreider, 38 Cottage Avenue, Lancaster, Pa. Membership listed as 1,200 in 1945.

**15. Stauffer Mennonites:** Bishop: Jacob S. Stauffer, R. F. D. 3, Ephrata, Pa. Secretary: Phares Shaub, R. F. D., Ephrata, Pa. Membership: 167.

**16. Weaver Mennonites.** Bishop: John A. Weaver, R. F. D. 1, Box 300, New Holland, Pa. Membership: 70.

#### OFFICIAL ORGANS OF BODIES REPRESENTED IN THE M. C. C.

(The following are the names of the bodies, the names and addresses of the publication headquarters, the names of the organs, and the names and addresses of the editors.)

**1. Brethren in Christ.** E. V. Publishing House, Nappanee, Indiana; **The Evangelical Visitor**, Jesse Hoover, Editor, 301 N. Elm St., Nappanee, Indiana.

**2. Central Conference Mennonites.** Central Mennonite Publication Board, Danvers, Illinois. **The Christian Evangel**, R. L. Hartzler, Editor, 414 E. Beecher Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

**3. Church of God in Christ Mennonite.** **Messenger of Truth**, Reuben Koehn, Editor, Goltry, Oklahoma.

**4. Conservative Amish Mennonite Church.** Publication Board of the Amish Mennonite Publishing Association, Kalona, Iowa. **Herold der Warheit**, L. A. Miller, German Editor, Arthur, Illinois; and Raymond Wagler, Partridge, Kansas, Associate Editor; J. B. Miller, Grantsville, Maryland, English Editor, and Evn Miller, Meyersdale, Pa., Associate Editor.

**5. Defenseless Mennonite Conference of North America.** **Zion's Tidings**. E. G. Steiner, Bluffton, Ohio.

**6. Evangelical Mennonite Brethren Church.** **Gospel Tidings**. J. J. Gerbrandt, Editor, 1095 N. Van Ness Avenue, Fresno, California.

**7. General Conference of the Mennonite Church of North America.** Mennonite Publication Office, 722 Main, Newton, Kansas. The **Bundesbote** is printed by the Herald Publishing Company, 129 West 6th, Newton, Kansas. **The Mennonite** is printed by the Bethel College Press, North Newton, Kansas. **Bundesbote**, C. E. Krehbiel, Editor, Newton, Kansas. **The Mennonite**, R. Weinbrenner, Editor, North Newton, Kansas.

**8. Krimmer Mennonite Brethren Church.** Salem Publishing House, Inman, Kansas. **The Christian Witness**, Abe L. Friesen, Editor, Inman, Kansas. **Der Wahrheitsfreund**, J. H. Klassen, Editor, Inman, Kansas.

**9. Mennonite Brethren Church of North America.** Mennonite Brethren Publishing House, Hillsboro, Kansas. **The Christian Leader**, J. W. Vogt, Editor, Hillsboro, Kansas. **Der Zionsbote**, P. H. Berg, Editor, Hillsboro, Kansas.

**10. Mennonite Brethren in Christ.** Bethel Publishing Company, 1819 S. Main Street, Elkhart, Indiana. **Gospel Banner**, Ray P. Pannabecker, Box 1, Brightmoor Station, Detroit, 23, Michigan.

**11. Mennonite General Conference.** Mennonite Publishing House, Scottsdale, Pa. **Gospel Herald**, Paul Erb, Editor, Scottsdale, Pa.

**12. Missionary Church Association.** M. C. A. Publishing Committee, Bible Institute Building, Fort Wayne, Indiana. **The Missionary Worker**, Harvey Mitchell, Pandora, Ohio.

**13. United Zion's Church, Lebanon County, Pa.** **Zion's Herald**, Edith Kern, Editor, Jones-town, Pa.

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## Western District Conference Statistics Continued

No. of Church	Sunday School Superintendent	S. S. Members	S. S. Officers	Senior C. E. Members	Junior C. E. Members	Choir Members	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Mission Soc.
		S.	S.	S.	S.	S.	S.	S.	All Other Purposes
1.	August Duerksen -----	900	83	*100	*100	150	340	200	250
2.	Alfred Miller -----	*84	*56			*12	*10		*8
3.	Max Smith -----	*232	*20	*120		*53	*107	*6	*45
4.	G. W. Janzen -----	127	13	127		15	300	300	150
5.	Albert Krehbiel -----	225	*15	203		65	182	65	230
6.	A. J. Regier -----	352	36	20	30	100	285	113	296
7.	Herbert Schmidt -----	67	8			15			
8.	Herman A. Wiebe -----	25	3						
9.	Ed H. Unruh -----	298	25		46	58	441		217
10.	Ben E. Kim -----	380	36	150		16	255	255	239
11.	John V. Regier -----	115	22	60	30	17			75
12.	E. J. Lichti -----	115	11	35		32	23	30	81
13.	Aron H. Thiessen -----	56	10						
14.	A. E. Unruh -----	30	3	40					
15.	Bill Unrau -----	170	12	68		30	135	85	130
16.	Walter Gering -----	700	57	121		90			905
17.	Babel Bechtel -----	60	15	15		23			46
18.	Elmer Jantz -----	102	14	120		25	80		
19.	Gus H. Regier, Jr. -----	390	18	130	49	30	75		178
20.	Richard C. Wiebe -----	300	22	65	57	120	99	76	339
21.	Albert Hiebert -----	60	6	30		16			
22.	Richard H. Wedel -----	175	25	20		30	132		300
23.	*Ruben Ewy -----	172	26			25			
24.	Otto L. Krehbiel -----	70	8						
26.	*Marvin Kroeker -----	265	34	25		48	107	35	51
27.	*Menno Schrag -----	*180	*32		*30	18	10	15	44
28.	Arthur C. Waltner -----	*563	*36	80	50	150	98	10	337
29.	Orville Klitzke -----	720	35			150	280	50	665
30.	A. J. Janzen -----	75	10	15	10	40		10	40
31.	*Arnold Jantz -----	110	20	90		19	275	105	210
32.	G. F. Harms -----	165	10			24			
33.	Roland Dirksen -----	166	16	75		18	25	15	90
34.	Miss Elda Ewert -----	316	36			44	81	51	156
35.	John Nightengale -----	75	12	40					
36.	M. J. Neufeldt -----	128	8	40		18			
37.	*Otto Pankratz -----	200	32	75			1398	699	699
38.	A. H. Peters -----	*142	*8	175		25	200	200	300
39.	Edwin R. Schmidt -----	240	22	50	50	104	300	300	1316
40.		402	45	168	75	30			1795
41.	Dave T. Stucky -----	*23	*1						
42.	J. P. Schroeder -----	80	14	45		30	72	40	50
43.	Walter Gaede -----	189	22	35	20	15	150	37	555
44.	Francis W. Koehn -----	179	35	90		50	127	143	486
45.	I. H. Balzer -----	.21	4	7					
46.	*Anton S. Richert -----	143	26	143			*30		
48.	*Bernhard Reimer -----	*203	*25						
47.	Edward D. Goossen -----	44							
49.	D. J. Tanner -----	*100	*10				*20		
50.	Alvin Ratzlaff -----	20							
51.	C. J. Thomas -----	417	30	300		35	85	50	1420
52.	Mrs. Dan Jantzen -----	54	6	28					
53.	Ernest Voth -----	132	13	100		12	40		110
54.	Arnold Reimer -----	140	29	25	22	50	139	14	
55.	Menno G. Schmidt -----	65	7	50		12	60	40	25
56.	*Vernon Roth -----	*140	*14			*17			
57.	Alfador Frey -----	375	35	200	120	36	219	399	
58.	Milton Wedel -----	140	19	50		32	50		
59.	Richard Galle -----	220	24	28	30	60	227	15	94
60.	Irvin H. Ewert -----	115	13	52		20			41
61.	R. A. Graber -----	60	8			12			
	Eugene Unruh -----	197	23	150		20	91		387
		12016	1258	3460	719	2061	6498	3380	12360

\* Indicates last year's figures

**NORTHERN DISTRICT**  
**Membership and Enrollment**

**Address, Name of Church, Pastor, and Sunday School Superintendent****MINNESOTA**

1. Mountain Lake, Bethel Menn., Erland Waltner, P. J. Voth	565	448	254	184	70
2. Mountain Lake, Bergfelder Mennonite, August Ewert, Ruby Janzen	256	262	256	48	30
3. Mountain Lake, First Mennonite, I. J. Dick, Jacob M. Harder	412	308	103	57	
4. Butterfield, First Mennonite, Vacancy, P. R. Friesen	105	100	50	27	40
5. Delft, Immanuel Mennonite, Victor Graber, Albert Linschied	104	120	120	20	
6. Butterfield, Mennonite, Bernhard Nickel, Albert Linschied	80	100	81	21	65
7. Westbrook, New Home, H. H. Rupp, H. H. Rupp	36	28			
8. Warroad, Woodland, Arthur F. Ortmann, D. S. Heppner					

**MONTANA**

9. Bloomfield, Bethlehem, Geo. G. Dick, Abe Schultz	211	254		40	42
10. Lustre Bethel, Jacob L. Hoffman, Frank Quiring					
11. Wolf Point, Bethel, Albert Ewert, N. F. Toavs	73	114	114	13	45

**NEBRASKA**

12. Henderson, Bethesda, A. W. Friesen, Elmer Friesen	842	891	830	108	75
13. Madrid, First Mennonite, J. G. Unruh, P. A. Regier	38	54	50	26	52
14. Wisner, Salem Mennonite, Vacancy, Aug. J. Leisy	18	22		7	

**NORTH DAKOTA**

15. Langdon, Bethel, Paul Dahlenburg, Reuben Krahn	58	61	60	10	40
16. Alsen, Swiss Mennonite, W. J. Flickinger, Henry Schmiess	140	80	140	25	38
17. Munich, Salem Mennonite, Hellmuth Ortmann, W. I. Schultz	145	187			42
18. Arena, Zion Mennonite, Herbert Peters, George Deckert					

**SOUTH DAKOTA**

19. Marion, Bethesda, Alfred P. Waltner, Bernard Ewert	231	230			34
20. Freeman, Bethany, Vacancy, J. M. Hofer	214	195		40	52
21. Marion, Bethel, Jacob A. Tieszen, Dan H. Ortmann					
22. Doland, Emmanuel Menn. Jacob A. Friesen, Jacob S. Stahl	95	95			
23. Huron, Fairfield Bethel, Frank S. Harder, Joe P. Tschetter	43	70			20
24. Avon, Friendensberg, Edw. Duurksen, Frank Ewert	107	104	107	22	15
25. Freeman, Hutterdorf, Peter J. Stahl, Mike J. Stahl	60	125	75	50	
26. Hitchcock, Hutterthal, Joseph J. Hofer, Matt. J. Hofer	150	140	75		25
27. Freeman, Hutterthal, Jacob B. Hofer, Paul E. Hofer	180	240	180	60	
28. Bridgewater, Neu Hutterthal, Paul J. Tschetter, Jacob J. Hofer	120	107	107		14
29. Freeman Salem-Zion Menn., Jacob J. Regier, Ben Senner	417	450	80	30	33
30. Freeman, Salem Mennonite, Willard K. Claassen, Ray Unruh	525	585	850	90	61
31. Bridgewater, Zion Mennonite, Michael Hofer, Michael J. Hofer	35	70	70		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5396</b>	<b>5651</b>	<b>2704</b>	<b>929</b>	<b>871</b>

No. of Church	Local Church Expenses	Northern District Conference	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Relief	General Conference Causes				All causes not otherwise listed	Total Contributions	Full Military	Men in Service
						C.P.S.	Camps	Other Conf. Causes	Christian Education				
1. 7758.34	260.00	4122.27	1594.03	2762.66	3156.00	220.65	1706.71	2777.55	24358.21	20	8	14	
2. 2304.13	25.53	1184.74	212.73	133.68	1214.52	928.30	1378.38		7384.01	4	1	2	
3. 1603.75	244.28	1983.24	251.77	1270.00	2236.43	179.79	574.64		8343.90	5	20	3	
4. 1537.76	81.15	1692.07	122904	292.40	192.00		216.62		5141.18	5	1		
5. 4226.36		1146.00	164.99	257.94	227.00	44.66	203.43	720.42	6990.80	4	3		
6. 2407.57		132.19	77.20	68.50	381.35		21.56	1282.20	4370.57	3	3		
7. 84.00	77.00	45.00	4.20			28.00		35.00	273.20		1		
8. 111.60		144.34	763.89	231.19	231.00		46.61	32.42	1561.05		2		
9. 3194.26	87.96	5408.45	2680.43	517.25	647.64	38.52	98.52	5589.81	18316.94	4	4	2	
10. 185.84	13.00	1135.08	454.32	449.00	212.14	176.74	176.74	343.08	2969.20	11	2	2	
11. 5864.41	287.42	1591.38	597.30		227.48		401.89	2462.45	11414.28	6	1		
12. 6419.26	58.21	2948.60	1586.28	1767.73	4582.84	1164.25	1616.55	3795.69	23929.41	11	13	36	
13. 631.90	88.06	538.21	177.10	19.24	122.99	131.92	93.14	251.07	2053.54		1	2	
14. 67.95	30.00	334.30	180.10	396.85	70.02	10.00	120.00	21.70	1230.92		1		
15. 618.50		150.61	558.86	26.61	56.44		149.94	26.91	969.07	5	2		
16. 1882.72	46.83	399.44	529.16		138.67		19.77	108.15	3119.74	5	2		
17. 751.44		1177.98	718.52	673.82	563.78		790.91	1907.53	6583.98	1	4		
18. 73.00		336.00	409.36	122.81	268.00		21.95	5.00	1158.12	3			
19. 1665.61	155.98	1364.19	478.90	1211.19	1540.95								
20. 2088.83		512.90	371.11	117.84	366.03	163.30	380.21	389.90	4890.21	18	5		
21. 648.38		222.15	42.07		292.75		223.68		1424.03	3	3		
22. 1607.53	442.46		10.60	39.71	81.00		75.00	123.66	2379.96	2	1		
23. 776.36		177.00	51.60				99.52		1104.48				
24. 813.17		443.07	528.55	125.00	248.03			495.00	1839.65	4	6		
25. 600.00		266.28	266.28				175.00		1307.56	7	2		
26. 297.00		200.00	177.69		219.20	25.00		116.00	1034.89	1		1	
27. 1850.00		919.25	817.32	200.00	1080.00		1300.00		5220.57	1	1	3	
28. 356.64	85.76	271.52	85.76	100.00	720.00		409.09	395.05	2428.82	2		1	
29. 2640.12	274.75	14											

## MIDDLE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

## PACIFIC DISTRICT CONFERENCE

EASTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE

EASTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE  
of the  
MENNONITE CHURCH

Name of  
Congregation  
Name of  
Pastor

Name of Congregation	Name of Pastor	AUXILIARIES										EASTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE CAUSES																	
		SUNDAY SCHOOL			MEMBERSHIP JANUARY 1, 1945			W.M.S. AND C.E.			LOCAL CHARITY			CONFERENCE BUDGET			HOME FOR THE AGED			OFFSHORE SOCIETY			PEACE COMMITTEE			OTHER E.D.C. CAUSES			TOTAL
1. Allentown, First, Howard G. Nyce -----	Howard G. Nyce -----	24	3,872.64	5,412.64	62.00	254.40	258.34	36.38	437.10	25.00	1,011.17	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	115.50				
2. Altoona, Memorial, Delbert E. Welty -----	Delbert E. Welty -----	12	385.41	5,563.53	35.00	225.00	218.34	55.00	1,018.74	173.30	1,659.38	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	540.53				
3. Bally, Hereford, Elmer E. S. Johnson -----	Elmer E. S. Johnson -----	64	5,563.53	1,327.39	10	84.00	67.00	318.21	71.32	318.21	647.99	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	250.68				
4. Bowmansville, Pine Grove, Raymond V. Stubbbs -----	Raymond V. Stubbbs -----	72	1,774.75	2,022.75	38	124.18	129.61	394.20	162.68	394.20	647.99	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	250.68				
5. Deep Run, Russell L. Mast -----	Russell L. Mast -----	63	314.00	702.15	74.00	40.00	38.00	10.00	617.01	387.13	1,498.91	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	1,498.91				
6. Denver, Emmanuel, Elmer D. Hess -----	Elmer D. Hess -----	54	12	13	314.00	3,897.36	6,897.36	106.58	227.32	42.45	499.00	77.00	77.00	62.00	14.34	92.00	54.50	288.34	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	576.00			
7. East Swamp, Harold D. Burkholder -----	Harold D. Burkholder -----	112	23	65	20	3,304.00	3,304.00	214.00	14.97	65.50	14.97	14.97	14.97	1,156.40	45.00	12.50	10.00	19.07	34.48	34.48	121.05	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	288.34	
8. Fairfield, George S. Stoneback -----	George S. Stoneback -----	79	185	185	185	3,304.00	3,304.00	394.50	394.50	475.24	475.24	475.24	475.24	1,156.40	1,156.40	1,156.40	1,156.40	1,156.40	1,156.40	1,156.40	1,156.40	1,156.40	1,156.40	1,156.40	1,156.40	1,156.40			
9. Flatland, A. J. Neuenschwander -----	A. J. Neuenschwander -----	61	62	13	4	20	20	15	15	15	15	15	15	3,387.96	3,387.96	3,387.96	3,387.96	3,387.96	3,387.96	3,387.96	3,387.96	3,387.96	3,387.96	3,387.96	3,387.96	3,387.96			
10. Germantown, Howard T. Landes -----	Howard T. Landes -----	38	20	45	35	76	76	76	76	76	76	76	76	724.68	724.68	724.68	724.68	724.68	724.68	724.68	724.68	724.68	724.68	724.68	724.68	724.68			
11. Lansdale, Grace, Olin A. Krehmier -----	Olin A. Krehmier -----	64	60	27	27	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	448.82	448.82	448.82	448.82	448.82	448.82	448.82	448.82	448.82	448.82	448.82	448.82	448.82			
12. Mechanic Grove, Calvary, Alfred Riger -----	Calvary, Alfred Riger -----	44	75	35	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	574.44	574.44	574.44	574.44	574.44	574.44	574.44	574.44	574.44	574.44	574.44	574.44	574.44			
13. Napier, George D. Greger -----	George D. Greger -----	30	39	15	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	365.49	365.49	365.49	365.49	365.49	365.49	365.49	365.49	365.49	365.49	365.49	365.49	365.49			
14. Perkasie, Bethel, Ward W. Shelly -----	Ward W. Shelly -----	324	296	72	110	5,904.62	6,187.87	130.00	379.98	272.13	40.00	650.00	650.00	650.00	650.00	650.00	650.00	650.00	650.00	650.00	650.00	650.00	650.00	650.00	650.00				
15. Philadelphia, First, John J. Plenert -----	John J. Plenert -----	150	109	23	52	5,453.42	64.49	111.35	102.25	36.50	36.50	59.50	59.50	59.50	59.50	59.50	59.50	59.50	59.50	59.50	59.50	59.50	59.50	59.50	59.50				
16. Philadelphia, Second, Walter J. Dick -----	Walter J. Dick -----	157	109	14	12	40	1,950.61	2,000.61	80.00	173.13	109.37	206.19	206.19	206.19	206.19	206.19	206.19	206.19	206.19	206.19	206.19	206.19	206.19	206.19					
17. Quakertown, Bethany, A. J. Neuenschwander -----	A. J. Neuenschwander -----	165	220	57	57	340.30	340.30	340.30	340.30	340.30	340.30	340.30	340.30	40.00	260.00	187.50	100.00	45.00	1224.26	1224.26	1224.26	1224.26	1224.26	1224.26	1224.26	1224.26			
18. Richfield, Benjamin S. Graybill -----	Benjamin S. Graybill -----	47	51	32	32	193.21	193.21	65.00	408.75	273.74	22.00	335.50	335.50	335.50	99.50	99.50	99.50	99.50	99.50	99.50	99.50	99.50	99.50	99.50	99.50	99.50	99.50		
19. Roaring Spring, Delbert E. Welty -----	Delbert E. Welty -----	16	32	3	3	35	35	12	407.26	11.31	27.35	23.50	23.50	167.87	167.87	167.87	167.87	167.87	167.87	167.87	167.87	167.87	167.87	167.87	167.87	167.87			
20. Saucon, Ward W. Shelly -----	Ward W. Shelly -----	273	190	15	7	6,780.69	6,780.69	6,780.69	6,780.69	6,780.69	6,780.69	6,780.69	6,780.69	14,522.75	8,910.25	8,910.25	8,910.25	8,910.25	8,910.25	8,910.25	8,910.25	8,910.25	8,910.25	8,910.25	8,910.25	8,910.25	8,910.25		
21. Schweksville, Eden, Freeman H. Swartz -----	Freeman H. Swartz -----	75	73	15	7	12	3,146.84	3,146.84	3,146.84	3,146.84	3,146.84	3,146.84	3,146.84	407.26	407.26	407.26	407.26	407.26	407.26	407.26	407.26	407.26	407.26	407.26	407.26	407.26	407.26		
22. Smith Corner, John S. Raugh -----	John S. Raugh -----	563	569	56	58	8,910.25	8,910.25	8,910.25	8,910.25	8,910.25	8,910.25	8,910.25	8,910.25	550.00	975.50	975.50	975.50	975.50	975.50	975.50	975.50	975.50	975.50	975.50	975.50	975.50	975.50		
23. Souderton, Zion, Ellis Gruber -----	Ellis Gruber -----	27	41	26	3	40	684.00	1,220.36	33.00	33.75	70.40	58.13	58.13	58.13	58.13	58.13	58.13	58.13	58.13	58.13	58.13	58.13	58.13	58.13	58.13				
24. Springfield, Ward W. Shelly -----	Ward W. Shelly -----	240	268	133	14	60	4,815.93	9,373.08	10.00	266.30	275.00	1198.12	1198.12	1198.12	2447.58	2447.58	2447.58	2447.58	24										

## Eastern District Conference Statistics Continued

No. of Congregation	GENERAL CONFERENCE CAUSES									OTHER CAUSES OUTSIDE OF OUR CONFERENCE	GRAND TOTAL
	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Emergency Relief	Board of Education	Board of Publication	Conference Treasury	Bluffton College	Other General Conference Causes	Total		
1.	250.52	660.64		20.00			199.18		1130.34	564.79	8180.94
2.	110.00	8.60	11.82					6.05	136.47		637.38
3.		431.95					25.00	25.00	481.95	47.00	7786.86
4.		147.00							147.00	14.00	2100.02
5.	154.19	170.18					188.22		512.59		3183.33
6.	15.00	15.00		5.00	5.00	5.00	10.00		55.00	10.00	1091.83
7.	50.00	501.50			10.00				9.60	571.10	5261.93
8.	100.00	300.00							400.00	300.00	14335.88
9.	76.28	46.20	3.00	3.00	3.00		67.00		198.48	19.75	916.04
10.	20.60	17.75					12.20		50.55		1328.00
11.	319.71	358.29	30.00	10.00		5.20zz79.98		26.47	829.65	610.22	7544.37
12.	89.39	62.15							151.54	89.22	1071.33
13.	7.00	54.97							61.97	40.23	817.79
14.	1.00	80.95	10.00						99.50	72.90	748.68
15.	494.79	276.78		7.85	7.85	15.67	83.39	73.34	959.67	121.80	8916.45
16.	90.00	90.00	92.45			17.20		69.64	359.29	57.15	6243.95
17.	71.92	180.19	24.56	59.10	24.74	9.83	120.07		490.41	80.12	3268.83
18.	150.75	150.75	100.00	25.00	25.00		25.00	20.00	496.50	185.00	2578.56
19.							5.00		5.00		445.88
20.											218.21
21.	125.00	575.95					10.00		710.95	64.23	8760.86
22.	40.00								40.00		653.79
23.	155.00	1350.25		20.00	50.00		540.00	110.00	2225.25	335.00	20445.76
24.		145.25					80.00		225.25		1685.89
25.	488.81	744.06	143.77	57.50	115.02	115.01	485.88		2149.55	15.83	13996.04
26.	221.00	363.00					344.05	5.00	938.05	25.00	3628.60
	3030.46	6731.41	415.60	207.61	240.61	167.91	2274.97	352.65	13421.06	7914.17	125373.77

CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF  
MENNOMITES

## Churches, Pastors, and Memberships

(Note: Listed below you will find: (1) name and location of church (2) Name and address of pastor (3) Membership as of June 30, 1945.)

ANCHOR, Anchor, Ill.; Rev. Roy Unzicker, Foosland, Illinois; (41).

PLEASANT VIEW, Aurora, Nebr.; Rev. Herbert Roszhart, 1420 M Street, Aurora, Nebraska; (158).

BETHEL, Pekin, Ill.; (Supplied); (82).

CALVARY, Washington, Ill.; Rev. Ben Esch, 204 Catherine Street, Washington, Illinois; (509)

CARLOCK, Carlock, Ill.; (151).

CHICAGO MISSION, Chicago, Ill.; Rev. Robert Sommer, 6201 So. Carpenter St., Chicago, 21, Illinois; (61).

BELLEVUE, Columbus, Kans.; (Supplied); (20).

COMINS, Comins, Mich.; (Supplied); (120).

CONGERVILLE, Congerville, Ill.; Rev.

Paul Tschetter, 2605 N. Madison Street, Peoria, Illinois; (73).

FLANAGAN, Flanagan, Ill.; Rev. Emanuel Ulrich, El Paso, Illinois; (67).

ZION, Goodland, Ind.; Rev. Dale Schertz, Saybrook, Illinois; (37).

EIGHTH STREET, Goshen, Ind.; Rev. A. E. Kreider, R. 2, Goshen, Indiana; Rev. Robert Hartzler, Asst. Pastor, 605 So. 7th Street, Goshen, Indiana; (279).

HOPEDALE, Hopedale, Ill.; Rev. Ernest Hostetler, Hopedale, Illinois; (114).

KOUTS, Kouts, Ind.; (Supplied); (36).

MEADOWS, Meadows, Ill.; Rev. G. I. Gundy, Meadows, Illinois; (297).

WARREN STREET, Middlebury, Ind.; Rev. Alvin J. Regier, Middlebury, Indiana; (81).

NORMAL, Normal, Ill.; Rev. Alvin J. Beatty, 1312 N. East Street, Bloomington, Illinois; (208).

NORTH DANVERS, Danvers, Ill.; Rev. W. B. Weaver, Danvers, Illinois; (258).

PEORIA MISSION, Peoria, Ill.; Rev. Samuel Ummel, 1001 N. Adams Street, Peoria, Illinois; (104).

**SILVER STREET**, Goshen, Ind.; (Supplied); (169).

**TISKILWA**, Tiskilwa, Ill.; Rev. L. R. Amstutz, 124 N. Albany, Chicago, 12, Illinois; (79).

**TOPEKA**, Topeka, Ind.; Rev. Wilmer S. Shelly, Topeka, Indiana; (243).

### STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE CANADIAN MENNONITE CONFERENCE ONTARIO

(NOTE: First comes the name of the church, next the membership, next the number of places of worship, and lastly the names and addresses of the ministers of each church.)

1. **Essex County United**: (689) (3) **N. N. Driediger, Elder**, Leamington, Associate ministers: Jacob N. Driediger, Jacob J. Epp, Abr. Is. Rempel, C. H. Thiessen, (all P. O. Leamington.) Jacob D. Janzen, Wheatley; N. H. Schmidt, Blytheswood; W. J. Schellenberg, St. Catherines; Herm. P. Lepp, Harrow.

2. **Niagara on the Lake**: (251) (1) **C. K. Neufeld, Leader**, Niagara on the Lake. Associate ministers: Peter P. Kroeker, Peter H. Dirks, (both Niagara on the Lake) Abram H. Epp, Virgil; Jacob A. Dyck, St. Davis.

3. **Vineland United**: (269) (2) **John Wichter, Elder**, Vineland. Associate ministers: Abr. H. Peters, Dietr. J. Sawatzky, (Vineland). Abr. H. Harder, Beamsville; Nik. Fransen, Jordan; John Reimer, Port Rowan.

4. **Waterloo-Kitchener**: (295) (2) **Jacob H. Janzen, Elder**, Waterloo. Associate minister: Jacob J. Braun, Waterloo.

5. **Reesor, North Ontario**. (62) (2) **A. T. Wiens, Deacon**, Reesor.

6. **Toronto Mission**: (60) (1) **Arnold A. Fast**, 12 Bank St., Toronto.

7. **Scattered in Ontario**. (15) (1) **Wesley Ewert**, Kennilworth, Ont.

**Totals**: (1641) (12) 24 ministers

**Total Financial Contributions for Various Purposes from Churches in Ontario**: \$23,589,-01.

### MANITOBA

1. **Bergthal Church** (3470) (24) **David Schulz, Elder**, Altona. Associate ministers: Henry Born, Jacob N. Hoeppner, P. P. Kehler, D. H. Loewen, (all P. O. Altona.) John P. Heinrichs, John D. Loepky, P. O. Rosen-

feld, John J. Hooge, (Plum Coulee), H. S. Friesen. W. J. Peters, Jacob J. Siemens, (P.O. Winkler). W. S. Buhr, John H. Janzen, Jacob M. Pauls, (P. O. Morden), John Epp, P. P. Heinrichs, (P. O. Lowe Farm), D. D. Klassen, Homewood; Jacob J. Löewen, Jacob W. Schmidt, (Gretna) Wilh. P. Heinrichs, Gruenthal; Peter J. Loewen, Steinbach.

2. **Bethel Mission, Winnipeg**: (75). (1). Isaac I. Friesen, Benj. Ewert, Winnipeg.

3. **Blumenort Church**: (275). (6). **John P. Bueckert, Elder**, Gretna. Associate ministers: Jacob J. Klassen, Jacob H. Klassen, Jacob K. Klassen, Paul J. Schaefer, Peter A. Rempel, (all P. O. Gretna). John D. Adrian, P. J. Born, H. G. Enns, C. B. Krahn, (all P. O. Winkler) A. P. Bueckert, F. F. Sawatzky, (P. O. Plum Coulee). A. A. Techroeb, Myrtle.

4. **Elim Church, Gruenthal**. (198) (2) **John J. Enns, Elder**, Gruenthal. Associate ministers: David J. Fast, Chortitz; A. H. Froese, Barkfield.

5. **Lichtenau, St. Elizabeth**, (173) (2) **P. J. Meinrichs, Leader**, St. Elizabeth. Associated ministers: Henry Friesen, St. Elizabeth; John Poettker, Arnaud; Abram Warkentin, Dominion City; Henry Warkentin, Gruenthal.

6. **Nordheimer, Winnipegosis**: (88) (1) **C. C. Janzen, Leader**, Winnipegosis. Associate minister: Abram G. Bergen, Winnipegosis.

7. **Schoenfelder, Pigeon Lake**: (111) (1) **David Abrahams, Elder**, Headingley. Associate ministers: H. J. Becker, John A. Driediger, (P. O. Marquette), Jacob Voth, Meadows; Jacob Warkentin, Headingley.

8. **Schoenwieser, Winnipeg**: (441) (1) **John H. Enns, Elder**, Winnipeg. Associate ministers: John P. Klassen; Jacob J. Schulz, Winnipeg.

9. **Schoenwieser**: (10 Branches) (370) (17) **Dan J. Loewen, Elder**, N. Kildonan. Associate ministers: V. J. Schroeder, Is. P. Klassen, N. Kildonan. John C. Friesen, Jacob Pankratz, John J. Rogalsky, (Glenlea), C. G. Peters, New Bathwell; P. C. Penner, Oak Lake; Jacob Wiebe, Morris.

10. **Niverville Church**: (70) (1) **Jacob J. Klassen, Leader**, Niverville. Associate minister: John J. Braun, Niverville.

11. **Springstein Church**: (142) (1) **Wilh. H. Enns, Elder**, Springstein. Associate ministers: David Klassen, Culross; Gerh. Lohrenz, Springstein.

**12. Steinbach Church:** (79) (1) **Peter J. Reimer, Leader,** Steinbach. Associate ministers: Wilh. J. Peters, Steinbach; Is. Warkentin, Giroux.

**13. Whitewater Church:** (359) (5) **G. G. Neufeld, Elder,** Whitewater. Associate ministers: Jacob P. Born, Whitewater; Gehr. G. Neufeld, Boissewain; Abr. G. Neufeld, Ninga; G. G. Neufeld, Manitou; H. M. Epp, Lena; Jacob Peters, Lena; Abram J. Isaak, Rivers; Jacob Toews, Glenlea.

**14. Scattered Mennonites in Manitoba:** (40) (1) Isaac C. Penner, Elm Creek. Jacob Loewen, Arden, Man.

**Totals in Manitoba:** (5891) (64) 85 ministers.

**Total Financial Contributions for various Purposes from Churches in Manitoba:** \$39,-643.54.

### SASKATCHEWAN

**1. Bethany, Lost Rivers:** (160) (2) **Jacob H. Enns, Leader,** Teddington. Associate ministers: C. N. Enns, Teddington; Peter Vogt, Ratner.

**2. Bethany, Watrous:** (47) (1) **Dietr. D. Neufeld, Watrous, Leader.**

**3. Bethesda, Langham:** (95) (1) **John H. Balzer, Jacob H. Peters, Lanigan.**

**4. Capeland, Main Centre:** (54) (1) **John J. Nickel, Elder,** Main Centre. Assistant minister: F. P. Dyck, Main Centre.

**5. Ebenfeld, Hershel:** (286) (5) **C. J. Warkentin, Elder, Hershel.** Associate ministers: G. B. Wiens, H. G. Plett, H. H. Penner, (all P. O. Hershel), P. A. Warkentin, P. J. Klassen, (Superb), Herm. J. Wiebe, Madison.

**6. Eigenheim, Rosthern:** (236) (2) **G. G. Epp, Elder, Rosthern.** Associate minister: H. T. Klaassen, Laird.

**7. Emmaus, Swift Current:** (275) (8) **Val. E. Nickel, Elder, Wymark.** Abr. H. Bergen, Blumenhof. Hans Dyck, (Swift Current), J. J. M. Friesen, Reinland; John P. Loewen, Swift Current; David Quiring, Swift Current.

**8. Eyebrow-Tugaske:** (49) (1) **Bernh. D. Rempel, Leader, Tugaske.** Gehr. I. Fedrau, Box 203 Central Butte; David Bueckert, Eyebrow.

**9. Hebron, Sand Beach:** (60) (3) **Franz Ens, Mayfair, Leader.** Abr. C. Funk, Northvale.

**10. Herbert Church:** (242) (5) **Is. A. Derk-**

sen, Leader. Herbert; Is. H. Wiens, Herbert.

**11. Hoffnungsfeld C. River:** (93) (2) **Richard C. Friesen, Leader;** Peter G. Epp, (both Carrot River).

**12. Hoffnungsfeld, Petaigan:** (90) (2) **C. C. Boschman, Leader,** Petaigan; Bernh. J. Andres, Petaigan.

**13. Hoffnungsfeld, Rabbit Lake:** (129) (3) **J. J. Janzen, Leader,** Glenbush; A. A. Martens, Glenbusch; H. T. Klassen, Rabbit Lake; C. C. Mathies, Rabbit Lake; P. H. Plenert, Rabbit Lake.

**14. Immanuel, Meadow Lake:** (125) (4) **Isaac Epp, Leader,** Barnes Crossing; Peter P. Friesen, Four Corner; Gerh. Elias, Barnes Crossing.

**15. Nordheimer, Dundurn:** (235) (3) **W. J. Wiens, Dundurn, Leader,** Gerh. Warkentin, Dundurn; Franz Epp, Jacob Schellenberg, Hanley, Heinrich Schroeder, Gerhard Zacharias, (Clavet).

**16. Nordstern, Drake:** (317) (2) **Paul Schroeder, Leader,** Drake. Jacob Gerbrandt, E. S. Bartel, Jacob Heinrichs, (all P. O. Drake).

**17. Rosenort, Rosthern:** (1638), (14) **David Toews, Elder, Rosthern;** John G. Rempel, John Dueck, J. C. Schmidt, (all P. O. Rosthern) David H. Rempel, John H. Janzen, John Fedrau, C. C. Boldt, (all Hague) Jacob Pauls, Osler; Peter Koop, Henry Neudorf, (Aberdeen) John Regier, John R. Friesen, C. F. Sawatzky, Is. I. Penner, Arthur Friesen, Arthur Pauls, (all P. O. Laird) Isaac Dyck, Klaas Kroeker, (Wingard), Peter Bergen, John Voth, (Capasin) Is. P. Friesen, Saskatoon.

**18. Saskatoon, First Church:** (180) (2) **J. J. Thiessen, Elder,** Saskatoon.

**19. Zoar, Langham:** (225) (1) **Jacob J. Nickel, Elder,** Langham.

**20. Zoar, Waldheim:** (174) (1) **J. L. Zacharias, Leader,** Waldheim, H. A. Dyck, John A. Block, Waldheim.

**21. Scattered in Saskatchewan:** (75) (7) Abram J. Block, Waldheim; F. F. Bueckert, Moose Jaw; Charley Dirks, Codette; Isaac Epp, Waldheim; John J. Friesen, LeRoy; Jacob P. Penner, Laird; Isaac Tiessen, Brookings; Martin Thiessen, Fitzwaurice; Benno Toews, Saskatoon; John J. Wiens, Trossachs.

**Totals in Saskatchewan:** (4785) 90 ministers.

**Total Financial Contributions for Various Purposes from Churches in Saskatchewan \$49,933.61.**

#### ALBERTA'

1. Bergthal, Didsbury: (115) (4) C. G. Neufeld, Elder, Didsbury; J. G. Neufeld, P. A. Neufeld, Wm. Pauls, (Didsbury) J. J. Sawatzky, Calgary.

2. Blumenthal, Springridge: (19) (1) David P. Janzen, Elder, Springridge; Abram Koop, Springridge.

3. Coaldale Church: (151) (1) Peter Schellenberg, Leader, Coaldale, John P. Vogt, Wm. Dyck, Abram Ens, Coaldale.

4. Lacombe-Neukirchner: (35) (1) Abram C. Epp, Lacombe.

5. Schoensee Tofield: (144) (1) D. A. Heidebrecht, Elder, Tofield; Abram Heidebrecht, David Boese, Peter Regehr, Gerh. Franz, John Neufeld, David Regehr, Abram Epp, (All P. O. Tofield), Peter Froese, P. O. Ryley.

6. Vauxhall-Grantham: Franz Janzen, Vauxhall.

7. Westheimer, Rosemary: (296) (4) C. D. Harder, Elder, Rosemary; Heinr. Janzen, David Neufeld, P. W. Dyck, Jacob Klassen, Leonard Adrian, John Penner, (all P. O. Rosemary), Henry Neufeld, Countess; Peter P. Hussar; Abram Paetkau, Dan Janzen, (P. O. Gem). Jacob Neufeld, New-Gem; P. P. Dyck, P. O. Renata.

8. Calgary Mission: (40) (1) J. J. Sawatzky, Calgary, Leader.

9. Scattered in Alberta: (25) (1) Franz W. Dueck, Coaldale; Peter A. Friesen, Coaldale; Klaas Janzen, Coaldale.

Totals in Alberta: 877 15 40 ministers.

**Total Financial Contributions for Various Purposes from Churches in Alberta: \$17,570.-92.**

#### BRITISH COLUMBIA

1. Abbotsford, B. C. (117) (1) C. G. Tilitzky, Leader, Abbotsford; A. Is. Loewen, P. P. Penner, Abbotsford.

2. Black Creek, B. C. (54) (1) Nick N. Friesen, Leader, Bl. Creek.

3. Coghlah, (80) (1) H. H. Dueck, Leader, Coghlan; Aron J. Janzen, Coghlan.

4. Mission, B. C. (40) (1) J. W. Nickel, Leader, Mission City.

5. Oliver B. C. (27) (1) J. J. Thiessen,

Leader, Oliver; Wilhelm Raabe, Oliver.

6. Renata, B. C. (11) (1) P. P. Dyck, Renata.

7. Yarrow, B. C. (63) (1) Joh. Jul Klaasen, Yarrow, Leader.

8. Sardis, B. C. (153) (1) B. B. Friesen Leader, Sardis; David Hausknecht, Abram Warkentin, Abram Block, Gerh. Loewen, Sardis.

9. Vancouver, B. C. (75) (1) Jacob B. Wiens, Elder, Vancouver, Joh. P. Klassen, David J. Doerksen, John Goertz.

10. Scattered in Br. Columbia (50) (3) Jacob J. Barg; W. M. Rempel.

Totals in Br. Columbia. (650) (12) 24 ministers.

**Total Financial Contributions for Various Purposes from Churches in Br. Columbia \$11,787.59.**

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2. Rev. J. H. Enns, Spiritual Leader and Bible Teacher, Girls Home, 392 Alexander Ave., Winnipeg, Man.

3. Rev. Arnold A. Fast, 140 Victor Ave., Toronto, Ont., Pastor of United Mennonite Church, 140 Victor Ave., Toronto 6. Ont.

4. Rev. I. I. Friesen, 864 Downing St., Winnipeg, Man., Pastor of Bethel Church, Furby

and Westminster St. Winnipeg, Man.

5. Rev. J. J. Sawatzky, 2115 - 14A St. S. W., Calgary, Alta., Pastor of Mennonite Church, 1706 - 17th Ave. S. W. Calgary, Alta.

6. Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Thiessen, Supt. and Matron, 443 - 3rd Ave. N., Saskatoon, Sask., also Pastor of First Mennonite Church, 123 - 4th Ave. N., Saskatoon, Sask.

7. Rev. and Mrs. Jacob B. Wiens, Supt and Matron, Girls Home 6460 St. George St., Vancouver, B. C. Rev. Wiens is also Pastor Cor. 49th St. and St. George St. Vancouver, B. C.

#### Other Workers:

Rev. Is. A. Derksen, Herbert, Sask.

Rev. B. B. Friesen, Vancouver, British Columbia.

Rev. Jacob H. Janzen, 164 Erb St. W., Waterloo, Ont.

Rev. Joh. Jul. Klassen, Yarrow, B. C.

Rev. V. E. Nickel, Wymark, Sask.

Mr. A. T. Wiens, Reesor, Ont.

### HOME MISSION WORKERS AND THEIR FIELDS IN THE U. S. A.

Rev. and Mrs. Walter McDowell, Quarryville, Pa. R. R. 2. Calvary Mennonite Church, Mechanic Grove, Pa.

Miss Catherine Niswander, Parish Worker in Philadelphia, 2011 North 7th Street, Philadelphia, 22 Pa.

Rev. and Mrs. John S. Raugh, E. Freedom, Pa. Smith Corner Mennonite Church.

First Mennonite Church, 7379 Laflin St. Chicago, 36 Illinois. (Without worker on January 26, 1946).

Rev. and Mrs. John T. Neufeld, 4215 So. Rockwell Street, Chicago, 32 Illinois. Mennonite Bible Mission, 4221 So. Rockwell Street, Chicago 32, Illinois.

Rev. and Mrs. Clyde H. Dirks, 5215 N. E. 23rd Avenue, Portland, 11 Oregon, Alberta Community Church, 5138 N. E. 23rd Avenue, Portland, Oregon.

Rev. Rudolf S. Marek, 850 Deversy Ave. Chicago 14, Illinois.

### CHURCHES SUPPORTED IN COOPERATION WITH DISTRICT CONFERENCES

Rev. Henry Thiessen Mennonite Mission Church, Fredonia, Kansas.

## HOME MISSION CHURCHES IN UNITED STATES

Church, Location, and Minister	Church Members 1941	Church Members 1944	S. S. Enrollment 1941	S. S. Enrollment 1944	Y. P. Organization 1941	Y. P. Organization 1944	Women's Missionary Society - 1941	Women's Missionary Society - 1944
Alberta Community, Portland 11, Oregon Rev. Clyde H. Dirks, 5215 N. E. 23rd Ave.	41	43	110	89	12	12	15	15
Bethel, Winton, California Rev. J. P. Glanzer, Winton, Calif.	32	49	45	60	41	55	10	22
Calvary, Mechanics Grove, Pa. Rev. Alfred Regier, Quarryville, Pa.	70	65	66	67	32	27	15	15
Mennonite Bible Mission, Chicago 32, Illinois Rev. John T. Neufeld, 4215 S. Rockwell St.	77	77	125	103	.....	.....	25	25
First Mennonite, Chicago 36, Ill. Rev. E. A. Albrecht, 1500 W. 72nd Place	106	106	125	112	80	18	35	39
Smith Corner, East Freedom, Pa.	69	68	95	74	20	15	17	16
Fredonia, Kansas	36	34	128	79	30	12	16	18
Menonite Memorial Church, Altoona	431	442	604	584	165	139	133	150
TOTALS								
(This field was closed Sept. 30, 1945.)								

## CANADIAN CHURCHES

Name and Location of Congregation and Pastor	Members in 1941	Members in 1944	S. S. Enrollment 1941	S. S. Enrollment 1944	Y. P. Organization 1941	Y. P. Organization 1944	Women's Missionary Society - 1941	Women's Missionary Society - 1944
Bethel, Rev. I. I. Friesen, 864 Downey St. Winnipeg, Manitoba	25	50	12	28	30	50	12	18
Blumenort, Rev. J. P. Bueckert Gretna, Manitoba, R. R. 1-5	32	43	46	50	40	46	.....	.....
Capeland, Rev. John J. Nickel Main Centre, Sask.	52	58	68	79	34	47	15	23
First Mennonite, Rev. David Hausknecht Sardis, B. C., R. R. No. 1	132	156	75	97	.....	.....	25	40
First Mennonite, Rev. J. J. Thiessen 443 3rd Ave., North Saskatoon, Sask.	142	187	100	190	150	150	25	42
Gnadental, Plum Coulee, Man. Rev. John P. Bueckert, Gretna, Man., R. R. 1-5	35	43	68	77	45	55	.....	.....
Hoffnungsfelder, Wembly, Alberta Rev. J. D. Nickel, Lymburn, Alberta	47	27	25	17	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hoffnungsfelder, Beaverlodge, Alberta Rev. J. D. Nickel, Lymburn, Alberta	15	13	9	5	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hoffnungsfelder, Lymburn, Alberta Rev. J. D. Nickel, Lymburn, Alberta	39	19	21	23	*	*	*	*
Ressor, United, Reesor, Ontario Bro. Abraham T. Wiens, Deacon, Reesor, Ont.	60	50	35	20	.....	.....	20	14
Reinland, Winkler, Manitoba, R. R. No. 2 Rev. J. P. Bueckert, Gretna, Manitoba, R. R. 1-5	32	40	65	72	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rosenort, Horse-Lake, Saskatchewan Rev. Johannes Regier, Laird, Saskatchewan	*....	23	*....	20	*	38	*	12
Rosenort, Capasin, Sask. Rev. Johannes Regier, Laird, Saskatchewan	80	72	40	43	43	30	13	10
Rosenort, Grantland, Saskatchewan Rev. Johannes Regier, Laird, Saskatchewan	64	44	50	30	50	54	12	10
Schoenwiese, Winnipeg, Manitoba** Rev. John H. Enns, 392 Alexander Ave., Win.	679	799	150	180	350	400	60	80
Toronto United, Toronto, Ontario*** Rev. Arnold A. Fast, 15 Laws St., Toronto, O.	.....	60	.....	25	.....	.....	.....	.....
Vancouver, United, Vancouver, B. C. Rev. J. B. Wiens, 6460 St. George St., Vancouver	65	75	25	45	.....	15	15	21
Vauxhall-Grantham Rev. William Martens, Grantham, Alberta	39	53	64	78	14	17	18	18
Westheimer Rev. C. D. Harder, Rosemary, Alberta	300	231	135	150	80	100	32	45
Whitewater**** Rev. G. G. Neufeld, Whitewater, Manitoba	427	340	200	185	65	85	90	100
Yarrow, First United Rev. John Jul. Klassen, Yarrow, B. C.	44	52	50	65	40	50	12	15
Zoar Rev. Jacob J. Nickel, Langham, Saskatchewan	139	172	60	70	.....	.....	25	40
TOTALS	2448	2707	1298	1549	941	1137	374	488

\* Not formally organized, but regular meetings are held.

\*\* Organized in 1943.

\*\* Shoenwiese is made up of the following: Winnipeg, 403; N. Kildonan, 56; Glenlea, 54; Niverville, 49; Prairie Rose, 27; Graysville, 19; Starbuck, 23; Petersfield, 17; Oak Lake, 48; Foxwarren, 22; Scattered in other places, 81.

\*\*\* To be organized at the end of 1944.

\*\*\*\* This congregation has five meeting places.

**Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Glanzer,** Bethel Mennonite Church, Winton, California.

**Rev. and Mrs. John G. Unruh,** First Mennonite, Madrid, Nebraska.

### SOUTHERN MOUNTAIN WORK

**Miss Elsie Pfister,** Incline, Ky.

**Miss Margaret Slotter,** Cumberland, Ky. Box 509

**Miss Elsa E. Grantland,** Paint Rock, North Carolina, Bible Classes in Public Schools, Sunday Schools and Personal Soul winning.

### PART TIME WORKER

**Bro. Paul F. Barkman,** 235 East 49th Street New York 17, N. Y. Mennonite Fellowship.

### IN MEXICO

**Rev. and Mrs. D. H. Loewen,** Hoffnungsau, Mennonite Church, Cuauhtemoc, Chihuahua, Mexico.

### ASUNCION, PARAGUAY

### SOUTH AMERICA

We pay for ministers from the colonies to hold services in the Capitol City. The Mennonite Central Committee workers arrange the schedule.

### OUR HOSPITALS AND HOMES FOR AGED AND INVALIDS

In order that our Year Book may serve as a directory for those who desire the information, we publish herewith the names and other pertinent information with reference to the hospitals and homes for aged and invalids which come under the auspices of our General Conference.

#### Hospitals:

**Salem Deaconess Hospital,** Salem, Oregon

Frank F. Wedel, Superintendent

Rev. John P. Neufeldt, President of the board

Rev. Homer Leisy, Secretary of the board

Capacity (including bassinets): 104 beds

**Mennonite Deaconess Hospital,** Beatrice, Neb.

Sister Alice E. Epp, R. N., Superintendent

Henry Reimer, President of the board

Andrew P. Goossen, Secretary of the board

Capacity (including bassinets): 40 beds

**Mennonite Bethesda Hospital,** Goessel, Kansas

Hilda J. Woelk, R. N., Superintendent

Rev. C. C. Wedel, President of the board

I. B. Fast, Secretary of the board

Capacity (including bassinets): 21 beds

**Bethel Hospital,** Mountain Lake, Minnesota

Marie Toews, R. N., Superintendent

Jacob J. Balzer, Jr., President of the board

Frank J. Rempel, Secretary of the board

Capacity (including bassinets): 31 beds

**Concordia Hospital,** Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

Frieda Unruh, Superintendent

Rev. J. J. Schulz, President of the board

H. J. Willms, Secretary of the board

Capacity (including bassinets): 50 beds

**Bethel Deaconess Hospital,** Newton, Kansas

H. J. Andres, Administrator

Rev. J. E. Entz, President of the board

Rev. H. J. Dyck, Secretary of the board

Capacity (including bassinets): 100 beds

**Homes for Aged, Invalids and Convalescents:**

**Deaconess Cottage Home,** Salem, Oregon

Frank F. Wedel, Superintendent

Rev. John P. Neufeldt, President of the board

Rev. Homer Leisy, Secretary of the board

Capacity: 40 beds

**Bethesda Home for Aged,** Goessel, Kansas

Sister Margaret Richert, Superintendent

Rev. C. C. Wedel, President of the board

I. B. Fast, Secretary of the board

Capacity: 27 beds

**Bethel Home for Aged,** Mountain Lake, Minn.

Katherine Balzer, Superintendent

Jacob J. Balzer, Jr., President of the board

Frank Rempel, Secretary of the board

Capacity: 19 beds

**Alten-und Invalidenheim Bethania,**

Parkdale, Manitoba, Canada

Maria Vogt, Superintendent

Rev. J. J. Schulz, President of the board

H. J. Willms, Secretary of the board

Capacity: 60 beds

**Invalid Home of the Mennonite Youth Society,**

Rosthern, Sask., Canada

Rev. J. C. Schmidt, Superintendent

Rev. J. C. Schmidt, President of the board

Rev. John G. Rempel, Secretary of the board

Capacity: 14 beds

**Rosenort Home for Aged,**

Rosthern, Sask., Canada

Rev. John G. Rempel, Superintendent  
 Rev. John G. Rempel, President of the board  
 Peter A. Epp, Secretary of the board  
 Capacity: 10 beds

Invalids Home, Steinbach, Manitoba, Canada  
 A. A. Vogt, Superintendent  
 Capacity: 35 beds

Bethel Home for Aged, Newton, Kansas  
 H. J. Andres, Administrator  
 Rev. J. E. Entz, President of the board  
 Rev. H. J. Dyck, Secretary of the board  
 Capacity: 35 beds

The combined figures for the amount of charity work done by the above institutions exceeds \$50,000.

A number of the above institutions are planning for additional facilities, and a number of entirely new institutions are being planned for other localities.

It is evident that everywhere a new interest is being shown in the work for the sick and unfortunate and also for the aged. It is a type of service which is an obligation of the church, and it is encouraging to know that the churches of our conference are aware of their responsibilities in this respect. The opportunities for service which are open in these fields are immense, and the results may be far-reaching; we should do all in our power to utilize these opportunities to the best of our ability.—H. J. Andres.

#### SPECIAL DAYS FOR 1946

Day of Prayer for Students	Feb. 17
Brotherhood Day	Feb. 17
World Day of Prayer	Mar. 8
Stewardship Day (or Nov. 24th)	Mar. 31
Passion Sunday	Apr. 7
Holy Week	Apr. 14-20
Palm Sunday	Apr. 14
Good Friday	Apr. 19
Easter Sunday	Apr. 21
Conference Sunday	Apr. 28
Deaconess Sunday (West. Dist. Conf.)	May 5
Youth Sunday one of the Sundays after Easter	
National Family Week	May 5-11
Festival of the Christian Home (Mother's Day)	May 12
Rural Life Sunday	May 26
Memorial Day	May 30
Ascension Day	May 30
Middle Dist. Conf.	June 8-11

Pentecost (Whitsunday)	June 9
Christian Unity Sunday	June 9
Children's Sunday	June 9
Nature Sunday	June 30
Independence Sunday	June 30
Christian Education Sunday (Gen. Conf.)	Aug. 25
Labor Sunday	Sept. 1
Religious Education Week	Sept. 29-Oct. 6
World-wide Communion Sunday	Oct. 6
World Temperance Day	Oct. 27
Reformation Day	Oct. 31
All Saints Day	Nov. 1
All Souls Day	Nov. 2
World Order Sunday	Nov. 10
Thanksgiving Sunday	Nov. 24
Thanksgiving Day	Nov. 28
Stewardship Day (Or Mar. 31)	Nov. 24
Advent Sunday	Dec. 1
Bible Sunday	Dec. 8
Christmas Day	Dec. 25
New Year's Eve	Dec. 31

#### SEASONS OF THE CHRISTIAN YEAR, 1946

Advent (Season of Expectancy) begins Dec. 1.  
 Christmastide (Season of the Nativity) begins Dec. 25.

Epiphany (Season of the Evangel) begins Jan. 6.

Lent (Season of Renewal) begins Mar. 6.  
 Eastertide (Season of the Resurrection) begins April 12.

Whitsuntide (Season of the Holy Spirit and of the Birth and Expansion of the Christian Church) begins June 9.

Kingdomtide (Season of the Kingdom of God on Earth begins Aug. 25.

#### IN MEMORIAM

This year we are not repeating in the Yearbook those obituaries which have appeared in full in *The Mennonite*. We print here only those obituaries which have not appeared before. The following is a key to the obituaries which have appeared in full in *The Mennonite*: Rev. S. S. Baumgartner, with picture in issue of June 19, 1945; Rev. Daniel John Brand, July 10; Anna Pauline Braun Gerig, with picture, January 30; Rev. Jacob Jantzen, with picture, March 20; Rev. Peter Jacob Wiens, with picture, June 19; Rev. J. B. Epp, January 8, 1946.

**C. P. S. REPORT AS OF OCTOBER 31, 1945**  
**I. C. P. S. UNITS**

	Men		Men
Mental Hospitals	892	General Land Office	
Forest Service	698	General Hospitals	
Soil Conservation Service	965	Public Health Service	
National Park Service	467	Commerce Department	
Dairy Farm Service	396	OSG Experimental Units	
Bureau of Reclamation	169	Detached Service, Administrative	
Dairy Herd Testers	151	Puerto Rico	
Training Schools	114	DS, Food and Clothing Collection	
Farm Security Administration	166	Detached Service, Farm	
OSRD Experimental Units	80	Detached Service, Miscellaneous	
Agriculture Experiment Stations	80	Alaska and Hawaii	
		<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>4170</b>

**II. M. C. C. - ADMINISTERED CAMPS AND UNITS**

	Men	Others	Total
4 Grottoes, Virginia	125	9	134
5 Colorado Springs, Colorado	109	17	126
18 Denison, Iowa	126	12	138
24 Hagerstown (Washington County), Maryland	110	1	111
27 Mulberry, Florida	22	0	22
28 Medaryville, Indiana	92	16	108
31 Camino, California	143	30	173
33 Fort Collins, Colorado	113	16	129
35 North Fork, California	170	40	210
43 Aibonito, Puerto Rico	25	0	25
* 44 Staunton, Virginia	52	4	56
45 Luray, Virginia	94	12	106
52 Powellsville, Maryland	142	18	160
55 Belton, Montana	152	10	162
57 Hill City, South Dakota	161	8	169
* 58 Farnhurst, Delaware	41	3	44
* 63 Marlboro, New Jersey	95	8	103
64 Terry, Montana	162	4	166
* 66 Norristown, Pennsylvania	94	6	100
67 Downey, Idaho	80	8	88
* 69 Cleveland, Ohio	22	7	29
* 71 Lima, Ohio	16	1	17
* 72 Macedonia, Ohio	22	7	29
* 77 Greystone Park, New Jersey	90	8	98
* 78 Denver Colorado	12	2	14
* 79 Provo, Utah	19	6	25
* 85 Howard, Rhode Island	58	6	64
* 86 Mt. Pleasant, Iowa	32	1	33
* Maintenance Projects.			
* 90 Ypsilanti, Michigan	68	7	75
* 92 Vineland, New Jersey	13	4	17
* 93 Harrisburg, Pennsylvania	35	1	36
* 97M Dairy Farm Service	369	27	396
* 100M Dairy Herd Testers	137	14	151
* 103 Haugan, Montana	93	114	207
* 106 Lincoln, Nebraska	39	1	40
* 107 Three Rivers, California	139	60	199
* 110 Allentown, Pennsylvania	28	2	30
* 117 Lafayette, Rhode Island	14	6	20
* 118 Wernersville, Pennsylvania	28	1	29
* 120 Kalamazoo, Michigan	28	2	30
* 122 Winnebago, Wisconsin	14	1	15
* 123 Union Grove, Wisconsin	23	0	23
* 125 Orono, Maine	10	0	10
* 126 Beltsville, Maryland	30	0	30
* 127 American Fork, Utah	12	2	14
138 Lincoln, Nebraska	80	1	81
141 Gulfport, Mississippi	24	1	25
* 142 Woodbine, New Jersey	17	2	19
* 143 Catonsville, Maryland	30	5	35
* 144 Poughkeepsie, New York	28	2	30
* 147 Tiffin, Ohio	20	1	21
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3658</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>4172</b>

**III. M. C. C. MEN IN OTHER UNITS**

	Men	Others	Total
21 Cascade Locks, Oregon	3	0	3
* 21 Cascade Locks, Oregon	1	0	1
* 26 Chicago, Illinois	13	1	14
27 Orlando, Florida	1	0	1
34 Bowie, Maryland	13	0	13
34 Detached Service, Administrative	24	2	26
34 Detached Service, Farm	7	0	7
* 34 Detached Service, Food and Clothing Collection	8	0	8
* Detached Service, Miscellaneous	0	3	3
* 49 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	1	0	1
* 61 Durham and Ahseville, North Carolina	6	1	7
76 Glendora, California	2	0	2
* 80 Lyons, New Jersey	2	0	2
* 82 Newtown, Connecticut	4	0	4
* 100B Dairy Herd Testers	4	0	4
* 111 Mancos, Colorado	1	0	1
* 114 (Mt. Weather) Bluemont, Virginia	12	0	12
115 Minneapolis, Minnesota	2	0	2
* 128 Lapine, Oregon	1	3	4
* 129 Spring City, Pennsylvania	1	0	1

134 Belden, California  
 \*140 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
 \*148 Minersville, California  
 \*149 Olustee, Florida

**TOTALS**

1	0	1
4	0	4
4	0	4
1	0	1
3771	524	4295

On Maintenance Projects (\*)  
 Maintained by MCC

**TOTALS**

In MCC Camps and Units . . . . . 48.93%

**IV. SUMMARY**

	Men	Others	Total
Mennonites	1642	256	1898
	2129	268	2397
	3771	524	4295
			44.25%

### STATISTICAL INFORMATION ABOUT OUR FOREIGN MISSION WORK

P. H. Richert, Sec.

The first mission field of our General Conference was in Oklahoma, where the work was begun in 1890 among the Arapahoes and in 1891 among the Cheyennes. For this latter tribe we have now nine stations, five in Oklahoma and four in Montana. Only one station belongs to the Arapahoes in Oklahoma, where now a new church is much needed.

In 1893 the Hopi mission in Arizona was started. Here we have now three stations, of which Oraibi is the oldest and largest. That makes twelve stations in all in America with fourteen missionaries and six native helpers in charge of stations, besides six other native helpers.

The total number of Indians baptized is over 1200. Many have died. In Oklahoma alone last year twenty-nine funerals took place on our stations, including nine church members.

In 1900 the mission work in India began, and 1911 that in China. This year two new fields were entered, namely Africa and South America.

One of our retired missionaries from India has recently passed to his reward, namely P. J. Wiens. That leaves now three missionary widows on pension, whom we should remember in our prayers.

	America
Missionaries	13
Native helpers	11
Organized churches	9
Baptized in 1944	19
Living members	771
S. S. Pupils	753
Students	9
Main Stations	5
Outstations	
Hospitals	
Treatments	
Hospital patients	
Lepers	

Offerings ----- 510.00

Income from medicine, literature, etc.-----

Sq. miles ----- 6000(?)

Population ----- 4655

India	China	Africa	Colombia	Total
29	23*	4	4	71
180	125**			316
15	24			48
249	?			268
3150	2300 (?)			6220
1980	1224 (?)			3957
1116	?			
6	3			18
30	40 (?)			75
3	1			4
21,194	?			
1543				
552				
2510.00				3020.00
12,147.00				
8000	4500			18500
1,015,000	2,153,300			3,172,955

(\* All evacuated except two. (\*\* No reports the last three years.)

One of our two new mission fields is the Belgian Congo under the Congo Inland Missions in Africa.

The number of converts is 5565 (in 1943.) The Secretary of this mission, Rev. C. E. Rediger, is planning to visit it early in 1946.

Our other new mission field is in Colombia, S.A., where four of our workers have gone to study Spanish, because that is a Spanish speaking people. Colombia has about 9,000,000 inhabitants, including many Indians. Bogota is the capital with 400,000 inhabitants, and about 8000 feet high. Although there are a number (20) of evangelical missions (Protestants) only about 1500 converts are Protestants, which makes only one Protestant to 7000 people, including the Catholics.

The country is very rich in natural resources, but they need better development than they have, which would reduce the somewhat high living expenses.

May the Protestant missions be a real light house in our country to the south. Among 500,000 Indians in one southern field there are only four missionaries.

The Bible is to most of those people a closed book, because they cannot read, nor do they have Bibles.

#### OUR HOME MISSION WORK

In other years we surveyed the fields by writing short comments on the various phases of the work. This year we will change the procedure and submit the statistical report from all our fields in the United States and Canada. One or two aspects of the work need some explanation.

##### South American Work

For some time the Board has sent support to the M. C. C. workers in Asuncion, Paraguay, for the express purpose of starting and conducting religious services in the capital city of Paraguay. An increasing number of Mennonites come to this city either for business, work or study. Others must come to the seat of the government for official business and so it was felt that it would be essential for the spiritual welfare of these people and their families if regular services would be conducted in this city. Ministers from the country settlements are asked to come and preach and do personal visitation work.

##### Pastoral Visitation Program

In the fall of 1944 a successful program of C. P. S. Camp and Unit Visitation Program was carried out. All the home churches were visited at that time. The results were so good that the United Boards of General Conference agreed to carry out a similar visitation program in the fall of 1945.

However, a sufficient number of ministers could not be found to visit both the C. P. S. camps and units and the churches, so the churches had to be left unvisited.

Early in October ten ministers of the General Conference and one from the Central Conference set out to visit all the camps and units where General Conference young men were stationed.

The Bible Study was the Epistle to the Ephesians, "Christ, The Bond of Peace," with especial emphasis on chapters 4, 5, 6. The

outline was prepared by Rev. Jacob J. Enz, and all the home churches were urged to study this portion of scripture during the month of October.

#### CHURCH UNITY

Unity among Christian brethren is a fruit of the Spirit. Yet it is something for which man is partly responsible. The Apostle Paul clearly admonishes us to "keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." Eph. 4:3. And our Lord Jesus Christ urges upon his followers to love one another. The Church Unity Committee therefore finds itself working both with God and with the brethren in its efforts for closer cooperation and union. What has been accomplished in recent months by way of a closer cooperation among churches we acknowledge as God's gift, while at the same time we rejoice in what the brethren have done.

In the year 1945 a number of definite forward steps have been taken toward closer church union among Mennonites. The most important step was taken when Brother Harry Yoder, President of the Central Conference, wrote that the Executive and Church Unity Committee of the Central Conference thought that the time was here that representatives of the officers, boards, and committees of both conferences should meet for the purpose of working out plans for a closer cooperation. Such a meeting was arranged for and held in the Memorial Hall on January 24 and 25, 1945, with the various boards and committees of both conferences represented. A day and a half were spent in canvassing the various implications of such cooperation and a mutually desirable and practical basis of a possible affiliation of Central Conference with General Conference. After all the areas were thus discussed and agreed upon by the joint group, the Central Conference delegation formulated the conclusions reached into a statement of Findings which were submitted to the joint group for further consideration and action. These findings were accepted by the joint group as constituting their best thought regarding a desirable and practical basis for the proposed affiliation of the Central Conference with the General Conference. These findings were later presented to the General Conference for action at its thirtieth session at North Newton, Kansas. The findings presented to Conference are the following:

### **Findings**

As a group of representatives of the Central Conference of Mennonites, we came to this meeting as an exploratory expedition to ascertain the most practical answers to various questions in our minds, and which we anticipate would early rise in the minds of our constituency, regarding numerous possible implications of our contemplated affiliation with the General Conference of Mennonites, by assuming the status of a district conference. We have been gratified and encouraged by the spirit of fraternity and appreciation which we have found in this season of association and conference with leaders in the General Conference organizations and program of service.

We believe that our people are generally in sympathy with the idea of effecting a larger fellowship for the sake of a more effective testimony and a larger measure of Kingdom service; but we feel that as a beginning the course of wisdom is to conserve as much of our present organization and avenues of activity as possible. To this end we propose the following as constituting what we feel from our angle would be desirable and practical provisions for the following pertinent considerations relevant thereto:

**1. Conference Affiliation.** In respect to the specific matter of an affiliation, we are assured that at the present time the only practical basis for us to make application for such affiliation is on a conference basis by conference action, and that if General Conference sees fit to make provision for such procedure, it will clear the way to that extent. We propose that the matter of Central Conference representation by conference or by congregations be held in abeyance until our findings throw more light on the matter from our angle.

**2. Foreign Missions.** With our foreign missionary program being a joint enterprise with other groups of Mennonites, we feel it highly desirable that that work continue as at present, anticipating that as time goes on each of these groups concerned (Central and General) may participate in a larger way in the other's program as now is.

**3. Home Missions.** For the present we think it best that we carry on our home mission activity as heretofore. Should any other arrangement be desired in course of time, such proposal

may be made to and worked out in consultation with the Home Mission Board of General Conference.

**4. Publication Work.** We feel that the Christian Evangel serves a purpose as our official conference publication which it will need to continue to fill. We see possibilities of the publication work of each group serving in a special way to facilitate the development of a sense of fellowship, to give information about and develop interest in the activity program of each group; but feel that this angle of the matter should be considered and worked out by the publication boards of the two groups, as developments seem to justify. If practical and acceptable, we desire that for the time being the business office of our publication board continue to serve as a purchasing agency for Church and Sunday School supplies and other literature desired by our churches and constituency.

**5. Institutions.** Since our hospital and home for the aged are administered by associations, rather than officially or directly by conference; and since we now have the same measure of representation on the Bluffton college board as the Eastern and Middle District Conferences; we see no problem or need of adjustment in this field. In case of representation of the Seminary Board we recognize that the consummation of the proposed affiliation would make it in order that some adjustment be made in this matter.

**6. Representation on M. C. C.** Our thought is that this matter had best be referred to the M.C.C. when the proper time comes and be resolved in conference with them.

**7. Peace Committee.** If General Conference would feel to make provision for an additional member on its Peace Committee to represent Central Conference, we would appreciate the consideration shown and believe it would tend to correlate our activity with theirs.

**8. General Conference Support.** As an evidence of good faith and as a means of enhancing the feeling of having become a part of General Conference, we would encourage our churches to take at least one offering a year for the general expense fund of General Conference or any other phase of its work to which it may see fit to appropriate the funds so received.

The Conference acted favorably upon these

findings as will be seen by the following resolutions that were passed:

Resolved to adopt the recommendation No. 1 of the Church Unity Committee which reads as follows: "That General Conference accept the amendment to the Constitution submitted at the last conference session and published in the program, reading as follows (Under Section 13. Admission. c) The General Conference stands ready to unite with any Conference of Mennonite Churches, where such union can be achieved agreeable to both."

Resolved to adopt recommendation No. 2 of the Church Unity Committee which reads as follows: "That General Conference approve of these findings now, leaving any matters that need further clarification, as suggested in the findings, for further action of the responsible boards and committees concerned."

Resolved to adopt recommendation No. 3 of the Church Unity Committee which reads as follows: "That we as General Conference express ourselves as ready to accept an application from Central Conference for an affiliation based on the findings of the joint group of conference representatives and that the executive committee be authorized to act on such application when it is tendered by the Central Conference."

Another resolution was passed by which the General Conference heartily welcomed representatives of the Central Conference by a rising vote, according them the full privileges of the floor and participation in all deliberations.

The findings were also presented to Central Conference at its annual session in August. The Conference voted in favor of a merger with General Conference on the basis of the findings. The resolution was referred back to the individual congregations to vote on it separately. The latest report is that all congregations but one acted favorably. One church voted by one majority not to join, but it is thought if the other churches all vote to join, this one will reconsider. As soon as the application from Central Conference is made, the Executive Committee of General Conference can act to receive the Central Conference into General Conference with the status of a district conference. This no doubt will take place before the next General Conference session in 1947. (The two conferences were united February 19, 1946.)

In 1945 also ten different congregations were received into the General Conference Fellowship. This also is an evidence that the Master's prayer that they "may all be one" is being answered in our midst.

W. F. Unruh, Secretary  
Church Unity Committee.

**REPORT OF A. WARKENTIN  
TO THE SEMINARY BOARD  
At the Meeting on October 4, 1945**

It is with sincere gratitude toward God that this first report about the Mennonite Biblical Seminary and the Mennonite Bible School is given. The meeting of July 31 has created anticipations, hopes and fears which for a while were almost bewildering. But the Lord has been good. His mercy endureth forever—in spite of our shortcomings.

In this report we shall try to give a bird's-eye view of the developments of the institution during the months of August and September.

1. **Affiliation with Bethany.** In accordance with a resolution of the Board on July 31 a special administrative committee consisting of A. S. Rosenberger, J. N. Smucker, Ed. G. Kaufman, L. L. Ramseyer and A. Warkentin met with representatives of Bethany Biblical Seminary on August 1 to discuss plans for affiliation with Bethany. The meeting took place at 9:30 a. m. in the parlor at Bethany Seminary with the following people present: A. S. Rosenberger, E. W. Baumgartner, Ed. G. Kaufman, A. Warkentin of the Mennonites and Rufus D. Bowman, President, Albert C. Wieand, President Emeritus, William M. Beahm, Dean, and J. E. Keller, Business Manager from the Brethren.

The President of the Board informed the Brethren of the steps the Seminary Board had taken toward a coordination of the educational program in ministerial training of the General and Central Conferences with Bethany Biblical Seminary. The representatives of Bethany received the report very kindly and after some discussion agreed to have a meeting called of their Board of Education for Saturday, August 4, to achieve official action in the matter. A. S. Rosenberger and A. Warkentin were asked to bring the project before their Board in a written statement. This statement was handed over to President Bowman in the form of a letter on August 3. On August 4 the President

Bowman wired Dr. Ed. G. Kaufman that the Board of Education of the Church of the Brethren had acted favorably in the matter of affiliation. Hereupon the official announcement, as agreed upon by the Board, was published in *The Mennonite*, the *Bundesbote*, and the *Christian Evangel*.

**2. Faculty.** In agreement with a resolution of July 31 the following brethren were approached to serve as part-time teachers during the first two years: Dr. C. Henry Smith, Dr. C. E. Krehbiel, Rev. A. E. Kreider, Rev. Harry Yoder, Dr. Ed. G. Kaufman, Rev. A. S. Rosenberger, Rev. J. N. Smucker, and Rev. Erland Waltner. All of them, except Reverend Waltner, have agreed to serve and have made plans either to commute or to stay in Chicago for the period of their service. Reverend Waltner also is willing to teach, but the arrangements with his church have not yet been completed.

The curriculum for our teachers for the first year is:

Dr. C. Henry Smith, Survey of Mennonite History, September 6 to October 12.

Dr. C. E. Krehbiel, Mennonite Policy, October 16 to November 21.

Rev. A. E. Kreider, Life of Christ, November 27 to March 1.

Rev. Harry Yoder, Church Organization and Administration, March 5 to May 26.

Dr. A. Warkentin, History and Message of the Old Testament, September, 1945 to May, 1946.

**3. Students.** Early in August letters were written by Board members and the administration to all prospective students, and on August 11 the first student arrived, Doland Unruh of the First Mennonite Church, Newton, Kansas. The number grew slowly. On August 25 the Administrative Committee met in Bluffton, Ohio, and passed a resolution to invite students enrolled in the seminaries and prospective students to meet for consultation on August 31 at 2 p. m. in Bethany Seminary. The invitations went out and the afternoon meeting of prayer, meditation and consecration was attended by Ruth Ewert, Willard Wiebe, Robert Hartzler, LaVerne Rutschman, Gerhard Neufeld, Ernst Harder, James Smucker, Erwin Albrecht, John T. Neufeld, Arnold Claassen, A. S. Rosenberger, J. N. Smucker, A. Warkentin.

At 6 p. m. the group had dinner together in the YMCA Hotel and continued in consultation

until 9:30 p. m. All agreed that the meeting had been very helpful, and with new inspiration and a new challenge the group left the place.

With the opening of the school on September 6 we had seven Seminary and two Bible School students enrolled. Three more Seminary students were added when the Albert Jantzens and Maynard Shellys arrived. Three Mennonite students have enrolled for the Home Study Course, so that our total enrollment to date (October 4) is:

Seminary .....	10
Bible School .....	2
Home Study .....	3
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Total .....	15

There is good evidence that this number will be somewhat larger the second quarter. Two students are making plans to attend seminary and two the Bible School. Elmer Ediger reports that there is also considerable interest in C. P. S. Camps in the Home Study Course. The administration has sent information and literature about the Home Study Course to the Educational Directors of all the camps.

**4. Catalog.** The work on the catalog began immediately after the necessary details had been worked out with the administration of Bethany Seminary. Copies have been sent out to all ministers of the two supporting conferences and to others interested.

**5. Charter.** Brother Peter G. Schultz, Lawyer, has been contacted and he offers his services to the Seminary whenever the Board is ready to make the change. An application blank has been filled out in duplicate form for consideration. The application has to be accompanied by a new set of By-Laws.

**6. Library.** Since Bethany's library is crowded and the addition of about 2000 books would require the enlargement of the stack room, it was considered best to leave the Witmarsum Library for the present at Bluffton.

**7. Housing of Students.** The housing of students, especially married students, is a very serious problem. All dormitories and apartment houses of Bethany are filled. The arrangement which we now have with Bethany is to be considered only for one year. This is not to be construed as an act of unfriendliness. Bethany has gone far out of the way to serve the Mennonites, but it cannot be expected that they send their own students away, because the Mennonites are living in their houses. The

enrollment in Bethany now is 213 including the Mennonites and they expect a considerable increase as soon as the C. P. S. boys are discharged. A number of Mennonite boys in camps plan to prepare for full time service. Therefore plans should be considered immediately how to meet the situation.

Of similar importance is the class room question. Bethany is now engaged in raising \$150,000 for a new chapel and the improvement of other facilities, including class rooms and library. Our conferences should be very grateful that, in spite of their own needs, the Brethren have stretched out their hand to assist the Mennonites in the establishment of their own seminary. But an affiliation for a longer period of time will demand a considerable financial outlay. This question requires careful study.

**8. Practical Work.** "Each student is required to do some form of practical Christian work, under supervision, throughout his period of seminary study. No student will be graduated without the recommendation of the supervisor of practical work and the approval of his record of Christian service by the faculty . . . A minister, candidate for the B. D. degree . . . must serve six months in actual pastoral service." (Catalog).

To meet this requirement school and churches will have to plan close cooperation. The question has been discussed in detail with individual church leaders and the President and Field secretary of the Central Conference. Until now only two of our students have regular pastoral work, Robert Hartzler is assistant at the Eighth Street Mennonite Church at Goshen and Richard Yordy is serving a mission in Chicago. Of the other seven men only four have had preaching appointments. There are, however, three churches of the Central Conference without a minister and the question is being considered to invite Seminary students to fill the vacancies as student pastors. Some ministers are considering the question of inviting a student to preach once every three months. With twenty-four churches in a radius of two hundred miles from Chicago, that would give each student twelve appointments a year or one half of a load of practical work.

The advantage of such an arrangement would be that the churches would have a direct influence on the students who go out to serve and at the same time they would get

acquainted with the candidates for the ministry and the mission field.

The introduction of such a program and the financing of it is under consideration. The Home Mission Board is interested in it and has taken official action to support it.—Respectfully submitted, A. Warkentin.

#### EMERGENCY RELIEF WORK

"In as much as you have done it onto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it onto me." Matt. 25,40.

"This poor widow—did cast in all she had, even all her living. Mark 12, 43, 44.

By the Grace of God our General Conference was permitted to convene May 31 to June 5. It was a real inspiration and a renewed challenge to our board, and we are sure, to all conference boards and committees.

Some relief work, even overseas, could be carried on during the war. More or less in a restricted way. Since the close of hostilities, doors were flung wide open. The largest portion of the eastern hemisphere is in real need.

The need of the world today is far more acute than that of some twenty years ago. The people then gave liberally for relief of the suffering. We have the assurance they will do likewise in this crisis.

Europe at this time is being gradually organized for more intense relief work. Workers had been stationed for some time in Europe, giving aid to some undernourished children and some old destitute folks. The work in France, which was carried on before the war, had to be closed at the time of the German Army of Occupation in France. Now some relief has been started again among the children.

The Mennonites in Holland, who were quite well to do after the first world war and gave so generously for the feeding of the hungry in Russia and assisted our brethren in migrating to North and South America, are now themselves mostly destitute, and as one of their representatives stated: "The time is there that we can be helped by you." Our representatives are making a survey of the conditions there. In Germany our representative is trying to work out a relief program with our Mennonite people still there. We of course understand that this whole relief program is not confined to the Mennonites only. They may expect a preference.

It is planned that headquarters for this whole

European Relief Program are to be established in Switzerland as soon as arrangements can be made. We hope by the time this is published it will have become a reality.

In the Near East considerable relief has been given to the Yugoslav refugees in Egypt and others in surrounding countries. Many of these refugees have returned to their homeland, but the need continues. Some of our helpers have gone with them. It was in this field of relief operation that God in His infinite wisdom saw fit to call Sister Fast into His presence in such a mysterious way.

Another field of relief is India. There relief was carried on through our missionaries in our mission field for a number of years. About two years ago great floods in the Bengal district caused a real emergency, which demanded a special relief program. Several relief workers were sent there to carry out the program. The crisis has passed but needs are still there to occupy our representatives. Our relief workers for China had been detained in India waiting for open doors. Some, to my knowledge, have now been permitted to enter China.

The relief program in Puerto Rico seems to be proceeding in an encouraging way.

The needs of our brethren and sisters in Paraguay and Brazil continue to demand our attention. Drought and grasshoppers come from time to time. They need our assistance in the line of education, medical and dental work, spiritual encouragement, etc.

The relief work in general consists in providing food and clothing to destitute people. This is done in the "Name of Christ," always pointing to the Giver of all good and perfect gifts. This board is sincerely grateful to our constituency for their liberal donations in money and its kind, for food. Also the large amount of clothing coming in at this time of scarcity is often needed clothing. The Lord has wonderfully protected all these food and clothing shipments to various parts of the world. The rehabilitation need is entering the relief program now. Are we prepared to meet this need?

Such relief projects as have been established in Florida and Mississippi may prove a great blessing to the community.

Dependency Aid to men in C.P.S. camps, who actually need such help is a great encouragement to these men and their dependents.

Many unforeseen emergencies arise from time to time which require our prayerful consideration. Resolution Nos. 69 and 70 by the last session of the General Conference place the tremendous responsibility on the Relief Board for the establishment of a Christian Mental Hospital in co-operation with the MCC if acceptable to it. If not, then on behalf of our General Conference. It will take much grace and wisdom from the Lord to undertake such an establishment.

In view of the rapidly expanding program, your board is earnestly soliciting your intercessory prayers. Without these and the grace of God, we would not attempt to go forward with this work.

Our people are quite awake to the opportunities which are ours at this time. God has graciously kept us and blessed us in our country we call our home. People have given liberally to the relief of the suffering. So far have we not given only from our surplus? If need be, will we be ready and willing to follow the example of the poor widow recorded in Mark 12? May God grant us that willingness.

Yours in the service of Christ,  
Emergency Relief Board  
J. C. Mueller, Sec.

#### STATEMENT FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

"The General Conference owes its origin and its growth to a deeply felt need of a closer union of individual congregations." Our object is that of "promoting, the 'unity of the spirit in the bond of peace,' of establishing more firmly the common faith, and of rendering mutual assistance in good works."

A little over eighty-five years ago (May 28, 1860) three congregations participated in the first session of General Conference held at West Point, Iowa. In the course of time other congregations from various states of the Union and Canada joined this conference in increasing numbers until at this time there are nearly two hundred congregations united in this fellowship. Within the present year we hope to be able to present the "right hand of fellowship" to the Central Conference of Mennonites.

"Thus from a small beginning there has grown, under the gracious guidance of God, a noteworthy and constantly increasing church body." (Quotations from the Constitution of the General Conference of the Mennonite

Church of North America.)

May the Lord keep each congregation, each minister, each church worker, each member—humbly reliant on God's bountiful grace. In this spirit we can face an uncertain future confidently. Our foundation: "Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid which is Jesus Christ," who said, "I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." (I Cor. 3:11; Matt. 28:20)—General Conference Executive Committee, Walter H. Dyck, Executive Secretary.

#### THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION

The Board of Publication, in making a brief report on its work, wishes to emphasize the following points:

##### I. The 100 Per Cent Church Subscription Plan

This plan was first presented to the General Conference, and adopted by the same, at its session in 1941. The purpose of the plan is to increase the circulation of the conference papers, the *Bundesbote* and the *Mennonite*. According to this plan, any church belonging to the conference can have these papers at a considerably reduced price if it will provide one of them for every family on the church register and make itself responsible for the payment of the subscription price. The Board is glad to be able to report that good progress has been made in this matter. To date forty-eight churches have adopted this plan, and the circulation of the conference papers has risen from 4,800 in 1941 to nearly 9,000 at the present time, an increase of close to 90 per cent. Let us hope that before the General Conference meets again many more churches will have adopted this plan.

##### II. Our Other Publications

Besides the *Bundesbote* and the *Mennonite*, the General Conference publishes two children's papers: the *Kinderbote* and the *Junior Messenger*, and three Sunday School quarterlies: the *Sonntagschul-Lektionen*, the *Mennonite Senior-Adult Quarterly*, and the *Mennonite Junior Quarterly*. The present circulation of these publications is as follows: *Kinderbote* about 1,500; *Junior Messenger* 3,750; *Sonntagschul-Lektionen* (including leaflets) 10,900; *Mennonite Senior-Adult Quarterly* (including leaflets) 18,500; *Mennonite Junior Quarterly* (including Teacher Manual 2,750. Generally speaking, it can be said that our periodicals are enjoying good reception on the part of our

conference churches, and for this we have reason to be grateful. However, as long as there are Mennonite homes where our papers have not yet found entrance, or Sunday Schools where our quarterlies are not being used, we cannot say that we are 100 per cent loyal to our conference. May we all work toward the end that this 100 per cent goal may be reached.

##### III. The "Hymnary" and the "Gesangbuch"

Good progress can be reported also with reference to the *Mennonite Hymnary* and the *Canadian Gesangbuch*. To date four editions of the *Hymnary* have been printed, comprising a total of over twenty-two thousand copies, and all but about three hundred of these have been sold. Another edition of five thousand copies is now being printed and should be completed about March, 1946. Of the *Canadian Gesangbuch* two editions have been printed, comprising a total of over twelve thousand copies. The first edition of six thousand copies was sold in about a year. The second edition of an equal number is about half sold, and copies are available for any individual or church that wishes to obtain them. D. W. Friesen and Son, Altona, Manitoba, are the distributors for the *Gesangbuch* in Canada, and inquiries and orders should be sent to them. The *Mennonite Hymnary* may be obtained either from the *Mennonite Book Concern*, Berne, Indiana, or the *Mennonite Publication Office*, Newton, Kansas.

A new book, *Gesangbuch Fuer Kinder*, is being prepared. The manuscript has been completed, and the book should be ready sometime in the spring of 1946. It is intended primarily for Canada, but will be suitable wherever a German songbook for children is desired. Inquiries about this book should be directed to the *Mennonite Publication Office*, Newton, Kansas, or Rev. J. G. Rempel, Rosthern, Saskatchewan.

##### IV. Conference Bookstores

For many years the General Conference has operated a bookstore at Berne, Indiana, and in 1944 the Publication Board decided to open a branch store in Newton, Kansas. Both of these stores aim to carry a good supply of books, Bibles, and other merchandise usually found in bookstores. The purpose in maintaining these stores is: (1) to make good Christian literature available for the churches, Sunday Schools, and individual members of the conference, and (2) to provide additional funds

(derived from sales) for carrying on and expanding the publication work of the conference. A new catalog has just been printed and copies sent to some six thousand readers of our conference papers. Additional copies are on hand, and anyone desiring to have one can obtain a copy by writing to either Berne or Newton. Orders and inquiries should be addressed to the Mennonite Book Concern, Berne, Indiana, or the Mennonite Publication Office, Newton, Kansas. By making your purchases from the conference bookstores you support the publication work of the conference and enable it to become more efficient and more effective.

May the Lord increase our love for His church and the activities of the church, and may we find joy in supporting the activities of our General Conference with our prayers and our gifts as they deserve to be supported.  
—The Board of Publication, J. M. Suderman, Secretary.

#### YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION

The YPU is a comparatively young organization of our conference which has been attempting to grow into its purpose of a "united Mennonite youth in Christ" by: (1) seeking to coordinate and focus the activities of the various district organizations of our Christian Endeavors, (2) promoting and recommending individual district mission and service projects to the other districts for financial support and initiating some YPU projects, (3) performing services for all of the societies such as the Prayer Fellowship Calendar.

#### Mission and Service Projects

"We are saved to serve," to be a "light." Teaching Christian stewardship and Christian service is not complete unless individuals find the opportunity for giving of self and substance. Our YPU is seeking to implement such inner compulsion of consecrated Christian youth by encouraging the financial support of missions, relief, CPS, youth centers, retreat grounds, foreign Christian students. For a detailed report of the contributions of each district for the various projects see the June 12, 1945, issue of *The Mennonite*.

Good stewardship projects involve not only the giving of money but also of personal time and energy. This aspect of our YPU program has been weak. During the past year six hundred of our young men have served and personally given a testimony to their Christian

beliefs through CPS. From this experience it is hoped that we as a church will learn the lesson and provide opportunities for utilizing the voluntary service of individuals for one year periods during peacetime. A good beginning has been made by the Women's Summer Service program sponsored by the MCC this past summer. Through this channel fifteen of our young women have volunteered to serve the mentally ill in the name of Christ.

#### YPU Leaders' Institutes

In order to make a direct approach to the problems that are faced by the local organization, the Executive Committee together with the Eastern District Executive Committee sponsored a series of half-day workshop sessions for youth leaders and adult workers with youth. Through the discussion and study we began to see the challenge of working with youth, we set forth our specific goals and methods, and explored the resource materials and leaders that might be used. The plan is to hold this in other districts as is possible in order to equip ourselves as leaders of local groups.

#### Youth Publication

The YPU has been contributing to the financial support of the Youth Section in *The Mennonite* which has been edited by Reynold Weinbrenner during this past year. Individual districts have been encouraged to publish their own district periodical, most of them bimonthly or quarterly. Below are listed the various district papers:

Eastern District.....	C. E. Witness
Middle District.....	Vine Press
Western District....	Western District Tidings
Northern District.....	Northern Light
Pacific District.....	Workers' Exchange

Beginning November 1, 1945 the YPU in cooperation with the Board of Publication is enlarging its publication. Esko Loewen has assumed the editorship which now includes the weekly four-page section of *The Mennonite* and a quarterly sixteen-page supplement.

#### Study of our Youth Program

To proceed we need to know more clearly our program—its weaknesses, strong points, and its possibilities. A significant contribution to such a study of our own organization was made by Mary Becker in her Master's thesis on the "Young People's Program of the General Conference of the Western District." It is hoped

that this report together with the study being made in the district by district Leaders' Institutes will serve as the basis for a stronger youth program in our church.

Our committee members have experienced a definite sense of being led by the Holy Spirit as we have been in our new task for half of the year. We walk by faith. We appreciate the suggestions given us. It has been a joy to us to see the doors open so that His work might be continued and strengthened.—Elmer Ediger, President.

#### **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR 1945**

The Board of Education has continued to supply the material for the Senior-Adult and the Junior Sunday School quarterlies. This is done through the appointment of the editors who have been contributing the material. We appreciate very much the general approval of these quarterlies that has been expressed by our schools.

The Board has been vitally interested in providing lesson material adapted to all grades for religious instruction. To this end a committee has been appointed which is to investigate Sunday School material and work out a complete course of study which the Board can recommend to the General Conference schools. This committee consists of Paul R. Shelly, Bluffton, Ohio; Henry N. Harder, Aberdeen, Idaho; and Erna J. Fast.

Dr. J. H. Langenwalter has continued to serve the Conference through the Board of Education as minister-at-large. However he has found the burden of traveling too much for him and has submitted his resignation which took effect on the first of December. Dr. Langenwalter has carried on many helpful activities which we regret that he is not able to continue. As a member of the Board, his particular field was in connection with young people's work. As minister-at-large he has contributed articles to the church papers, visited our schools, and many of the churches, particularly in Canada, attended retreats, and has kept in contact with many young people in the CPS camps and the regular service, and with their parents.

The Board is planning to continue the program of employing a full time worker and at this writing is seeking someone to accept the challenge of this task. Dr. L. L. Ramseyer, of Bluffton College, has been appointed to the

Board in the place of Dr. Langenwalter.

The Board of Education constantly seeks to give encouragement and direction to young people who feel called to full time Christian service. In these day a special effort has been made to assist young men in the Civilian Public Service camps who have this in view. To this end, and in cooperation with other Boards, a Young People's Institute was again held during the past summer. This was attended by twenty-three CPS men and thirty-one other young people meeting on the Bethel College campus. A report on the Institute states "This is now the second year of the Young Christian Workers' Institute. The testimony of those who attended was unanimous in witnessing to the worthwhileness for the gathering of young people for the purpose of serious study, discussions and fellowship. I am personally convinced, as were also all the other leaders who participated, that this sort of gathering of our young people who are seriously considering full time direct Christian service should be continued annually." Another Institute is planned for 1946 and again the other Boards are asked to co-operate.

The Board has also been interested in the program of aiding all men who have been prevented from continuing their formal education during the years of their service under the direction of the Civilian Public Service program. The government has a liberal program in this respect for those who were in uniform, and thus the church faces a responsibility toward those who maintained our peace testimony in the CPS camps. This whole matter is perhaps best stated by quoting a resolution of the Board that was presented to the last General Conference session at North Newton and which was adopted there. "According to statistics twenty-six per cent of the General Conference CPS men wish to continue their education after the war. The Government in its G. I. Bill has made liberal provision for all discharged service men, but especially for those who wish to continue their education. Our CPS men have received no help from the government while in camp nor will they receive any when they get out. Some of our most promising young men are in CPS and they should be helped to continue their education if they so desire. The Board of Education in cooperation with the Home Mission Board, Relief Board and Peace Committee are cooperating in working

on this problem. The Board of Education recommends that the Conference approve this cooperative effort to create a post-war fund for the education of CPS men and encourage our churches to contribute to this fund."

The program, as worked out, offers CPS men certain tuition payments according to the length of term of service, with some additional help to be given on the basis of dependency. Solicitation for this fund is being worked out in connection with the newly-created Mutual Aid Board.

Our Sunday Schools are again reminded that Teacher Training courses are offered under the direction of the Board. A number of certificates were again issued for work that was completed in this field.

We are grateful for the support that has been given our Board, particularly so for the response to the call for larger contributions due to our expanded program in supplying a minister-at-large. We ask that the churches and the schools continue to remember our work in their support of the conference program. We need also your continued prayers that God may ever guide our Board in its task of serving the Conference in the field of Christian education.—A. S. Rosenberger, Secretary of the Board.

#### BLUFFTON COLLEGE REPORT

Bluffton College has much for which to be thankful to God in this first year since the close of the great war. The war years having been trying ones. The college has suffered in many ways. Yet through it all we have been blessed far above that which we dared hope.

As was anticipated, the college suffered heavily in enrollment. The low point was reached during the year 1944-45, less than one hundred regular college students being enrolled during that year. This was less than 40 per cent of the pre-war enrollment. The attendance during the present year, however, has shown a marked increase, and is again above the one hundred mark. Of the regular students, 70 per cent are Mennonites. There are repeated inquiries concerning entrance into college, which indicates that there will be a steady increase in the attendance.

Naturally, the low enrollment had a marked effect on income. Even with every possible saving, it was only because of increased gifts that the budget could be balanced. During the

last fiscal year 28 per cent of the money spent for current operations was gift money. These gifts made it possible to balance the budget all during the war, in fact the budget has now been in balance for six consecutive years.

The budget has not merely been balanced, however, but financial progress has been made. The auditors report of August 31, 1940, showed an accumulated current fund deficit of \$13,500.00 at that time. This has been changed to a favorable balance of \$1,712.00, in the 1945 report. Progress has also been made in liquidation of bonded indebtedness. It now seems certain that the college will be entirely debt free within a few months.

The Improvement Fund, which is to total \$50,000.00 when completed, has been more than half raised. Money from this fund will make possible the liquidation of the college debt, as mentioned above. However, less than half of it will be used for that purpose, the remainder to be used for much needed improvements, such as remodeling of College Hall, capital outlay for a work program, repairs to the heating plant, and many other improvements.

Much credit for this favorable showing of the college is due the faculty. There is probably no other class of church workers today who sacrifice as much financially as college faculty members for the cause which they serve. Salaries, previously low, have not kept pace with increased living costs. In ordinary times tuition income should approximately equal the salary budget. During the war much gift money has been added to the salary budget above that received from tuition and still salaries remain low. Increases in salary since pre-war days total 15 per cent, far below the increase in living costs, to say nothing of the large sum taken from individual faculty incomes for taxes in recent years.

One of the problems concerning the future of the college is closely connected with the salary situation. There are young men and women who are willing to make some sacrifices for the cause of Christian education, but who feel that in fairness to their families or those which they hope to have that they must have a reasonable income. Low salaries are serving as a severe handicap to recruitment of staff members. If gifts will remain high, or increase, until such time as the tuition income is again up to normal, there is reason to hope that this situation can be corrected.

Another major problem is that of adequate housing for new staff members and students, especially married students. Providing housing for married students is a new problem in colleges, but is a very evident one now because the war has delayed education for many young men and they have married, some have had children, before their education has been completed. With the housing situation what it is in Bluffton, this creates a major problem. It is likely that it will be necessary to either build or buy in order to solve it.

The speed with which the enrollment can be expected to increase is a question which creates some problems. This depends upon a number of unknown factors, such as the availability of jobs, continuance of military training, speed of discharge, and the like. The staff must be increased and housing provided in proportion to this increase in enrollment. The uncertainty of the speed of increase creates uncertainty in these other areas.

There are certain definite financial needs of the college. Gifts for current fund use will need to range from about \$20,000.00 per year with the present enrollment down to about \$12,500.00 per year when the enrollment again reaches 200. The Improvement Fund should be completed promptly, by the end of the current year if at all possible. As mentioned previously, there must be some provision made for housing, especially of married couples, but additional housing is also necessary for women students. There are building needs which should be given attention in due time, such as an auditorium and physical education building, a music building, and a health center.

Increased contacts with the constituency will be possible as transportation becomes easier. During recent years we have invited ministers in for the annual Bible Lecture Week and Ministers' Conference. This has been well attended. During the past two years we have also had a Women's Missionary Conference. Perhaps in addition to conferences, some short courses should be provided for those who cannot attend college for a full year. It is also necessary for the college to serve in the local church communities. Gospel teams will get out more frequently now than during the war years. It is likely that the choir will travel again. In addition the faculty is beginning the practice of going into communities, on invitation, for week end institutes. Increased service of the college directly to the constituency

is needed.

Bluffton College appreciates the increased interest which the church has taken in its work during recent years. The college exists for the church, and it is the purpose of the administration and faculty to strengthen continuously the tie which binds it to the church. To attain this end a free interchange of ideas is necessary.

We thank God for the way He has blessed us during the trying war years and for having put it into the hearts of His people to give their support. We pray that this interest may continue and grow, that the young people of the church will increasingly look to the college as their school, that the college may grow in its service to Christ and the church, and that it may be an instrument in God's hands for the development of consecrated church and community leadership. We ask your prayers in its behalf.

#### REPORT OF BETHEL COLLEGE

"O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good; for His mercy endureth forever." One can only look back over the past school year with sincere gratitude to our Heavenly Father for His protection and especially for His guidance. World conditions are rapidly changing and an educational institution that is alive to present realities must adjust its program to current needs. Even before the war ended strenuous efforts were made by the faculty and Board to prepare for the years ahead.

**Students.** In 1939-40 our total enrollment was 527. Last school year, 1944-45, the total was 303, of whom seventy-two were only part-time music students, which leaves us a total of 231 college students. Fifty-three of these were boys. These students came from fifteen states and four foreign countries. Seventy per cent came from fifteen Kansas counties. The entire student body came from sixty-nine high schools, representing twelve denominations, although 85 per cent belong to the General Conference of Mennonites. A total of sixty-two Mennonite congregations located in thirteen different states and in India and Paraguay, South America, were represented in the student body. We had twenty-six graduates. The enrollment for the current year will very likely be larger again.

**Faculty.** Our faculty continued on a reduced basis. Dr. J. Winfield Fretz continued with the Mennonite Central Committee but for

this year is back with the college. Dr. A. P. Friesen continued with his teaching in Texas. Dr. R. C. Kauffman continued in the relief work in India. Mr. David H. Suderman and Mr. Harry Martens continued in C.P.S. work. Dr. A. Warkentin continued on leave of absence because of his health. Rev. Sam J. Goering continued in relief work in Europe. Mr. Herbert Wiebe, in Recreation and Industrial Arts, and Dr. C. Krahn in Church History and Research, joined our staff. For the current year the faculty has again been strengthened somewhat. Mr. Herbert Wiebe assumed the position of Business Manager. Mr. Menno Harder, formerly of Tabor College, joined our staff in education and social sciences. Mr. Eldon Graber joined our staff in the English Department, especially speech, dramatics, and journalism. Mr. Peter R. Kaufman joined our staff as Director of Recreation and Instructor in Industrial Arts. All of these are former Bethel College graduates. During recent years it has been very difficult to secure properly qualified personnel both on the faculty as well as other workers on the college staff, such as secretaries, janitors, and so forth.

**Plant.** During these years of shortage of material and labor our campus and buildings have suffered gravely. Many needed improvements could not be made. With the close of the war we are looking forward to being able to get the necessary materials and labor not only for needed new buildings but first of all to catch up on the necessary repairs and improvements on the campus and present buildings. Roofs need to be reshingled, buildings need to be repainted, sidewalks need to be repaired, campus roads must be resurfaced, the third floor of the Science Hall as well as of the ladies' dormitory should be finished, and many other improvements need to be made. Of the new buildings needed, we call special attention to the library, boys' and girls' dormitories, and the farm shop, the latter of which has been on the program for a good many years and is very urgent in order to make it possible for our college to meet the needs of our rural constituency.

**Memorial Hall.** Memorial Hall is increasingly appreciated. In fact one wonders how we ever got along without it. It makes possible a much better program of physical education and recreation than was formerly possible. Some thirty-one outside organizations used the dining hall facilities during last year. Includ-

ing the students, a total of 140,447 meals were served during the fiscal year, 9,347 during the General Conference session. Miss Lola M. Hill, the head of our Home Economics Department, also supervised the dining hall, but it has now become necessary to secure a full-time person for this position. We are grateful to have been able to secure Miss Helen Penner, of Beatrice, Nebraska, one of our graduates of a few years ago, who has assumed this position with the beginning of the current year.

**Museum.** The college museum had 3,025 registered visitors during the last year. Of this number, about 850 were school children, representing over fifty different schools and other groups. This was an increase over last year of about 1,000 visitors. Five hundred of these are accounted for by the fact that the General Conference was held on our campus. With the return of tires and gas people can travel more conveniently, and it is expected that the number of visitors to the museum will increase still more. During the last year 175 new items have been added. Of all these the airplane donated by the Waltner brothers of Freeman, South Dakota, is probably the most significant. The museum is becoming crowded and the building that houses it is in great need of a V-shaped roof not only to protect the contents properly but also to make room for expansion with a third floor. Here is an opportunity for some friend of the museum to make this possible by a special donation for this purpose.

**Core Courses.** The new core curriculum is being tried out this year, as is also a new student counseling program. These were far-reaching changes and some further modifications may be necessary. As a Christian liberal arts college every student graduating should have certain courses not only in Bible but also along other lines in order to give him a balanced outlook on life in this disturbed age of ours and so better qualify him to render a more far-reaching service in whatever vocation he chooses. After all, the college exists for the sake of students. All the other machinery is set up with this end product in mind. The campus, the buildings, the board, the faculty, the courses, the budget, the endowment, everything is a means to the end that young people may go forth from here well trained, balanced in outlook, with Christian zeal for and consecration to the service of God and man whatever

their vocation may be.

**Finances.** This was a good year financially. The budget has been more than balanced and the debt has been paid. We have just celebrated Founders' Day, giving special recognition to the fact that the college has become debt free. Here again we wish to express our gratitude to our Heavenly Father and to the many friends who helped achieve this goal. The debt was of many years' standing, and in 1931 it had reached the high point of nearly \$142,000. We are also grateful to report that the debt has been paid one hundred cents on the dollar. To protect the good name of Bethel College and the Mennonite Church, it was not considered wise even to suggest that we pay less than one hundred cents on the dollar to cover the debt as some other church schools, including at least one Mennonite college, have done. From here on the Board's policy is to "go only as we can pay" and keep out of debt. It is hoped that the many friends of the college will, however, continue their liberal financial support so that the school can actually go and stay out of debt. A big program is ahead. As much as possible is to be done toward the achievement of the same by October 12, 1948, the sixtieth anniversary of the cornerstone laying of the Administration Building.

**Religious Life.** The religious life on the campus appears to be more wholesome and dynamic than in former years. During the last school year we had fourteen ministerial students, three of these being fifth-year students. There were some thirty-five young people in the Student Volunteer group considering full-time Christian service. Ministerial students regularly served the churches in Fredonia, Turpin, and Colby. In addition, many pulpit appointments were filled in neighboring churches, as well as hospitals and old people's homes. Three ministerial students served as assistants to pastors at Halstead, at Grace Hill, and at West Zion, Moundridge. All of these men were enthusiastic about their experience. With the establishment of the Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Chicago, naturally the number of our fifth-year students will decrease, as we are urging them to go there. So far in this current year we have ten ministerial students. Calls for help from surrounding churches are far more numerous than we can meet. In this area the college urgently needs another full-time staff member.

As we move into the future, we are keenly

mindful of the fact that "except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it."

### FREEMAN JUNIOR COLLEGE REPORT For School Year 1944-45

#### Enrollment:

The enrollment for the year was 116. Nineteen per cent of these were college students and 81 per cent academy students. This enrollment was a 6.42 per cent increase over the previous year. Ninety-four per cent of the students were Mennonites. Of this group 77 per cent belonged to the General Conference; 11 per cent to the MB; 7 per cent to the KMB; 4 per cent to the EMB; and 1 per cent to the MBC groups.

#### Financial Data:

A general summary of assets and liabilities —August 31, 1945.

	ASSETS
Endowment Pledges	\$ 16,541.00
Student Accounts	150.00
Buildings	85,000.00
Land (9 acres)	4,000.00
Equipment	15,000.00
Inventories	750.00
U. S. Government Bonds	4,240.75
Cash on Hand	672.10
	<b>\$126,353.85</b>

	LIABILITIES
None	
Net Worth	\$126,353.85

Donations received amounted to \$15,806.75.

#### Curriculum and School Activities:

The curriculum has been revised from time to time to adjust it to the needs of our students. At the present time we feel that the greatest need is to equip them for useful participation in the Christian life and work of the rural Mennonite communities in which most of them live. It has become increasingly evident that to accomplish this, greater emphasis would have to be placed upon courses directly helpful. For that reason the work of the Home Economics department was enlarged. Shop classes for girls were organized in which girls were taught to operate, repair, and use to best advantage electrical equipment and mechanical appliances. The work of the Agricultural Department was also enlarged. The basement of the "Old College Building" was converted into shop rooms. Machine tools, welding outfits, and a forge were secured and classes organized in shop work and mechanics.

Regular academic courses were offered as before. The work of the Bible Department

was supplemented by a course in Mennonite History and Principles required for all seniors.

Chapel provided daily devotional periods for students and faculty. Weekly prayer meetings were held. Ministers and other leaders were secured to conduct religious services from time to time. The Christian Youth Volunteers and the YWCA and YMCA helped to foster a spiritual atmosphere on the campus. Musical organizations, groups interested in dramatics, oratory, and declamatory work were active during the year.

#### Community Service:

During the past year we have come to realize more fully than ever that our duties and opportunities extend beyond our immediate student body to the communities from which they come. In line with this ideal of service to the larger area we have the past year carried on extension work wherever there were opportunities. The Christian Youth Volunteers, the Music Department, and members of the faculty carried on Christian service in the churches and CPS camps in South Dakota and surrounding states.

The Museum continued to grow largely through the interest of friends in the community who have made valuable contributions.

The College Bookshop has enlarged its usefulness. The past year the gross sales amounted to well over \$3000. It has extended its services to Sunday Schools, church libraries, church workers, and laymen.

A definite relief project was carried out by the students throughout the year. Every month relief contributions were sent to support the MCC project in Puerto Rico. From time to time smaller seasonal projects were carried out. The school again served as a co-ordinating and collection center for the CPS canning project carried out by the surrounding churches.

Valuable services have been performed for the farmers of the community by the shop and agriculture classes. Sorely needed electrical repair work, welding, and carpentry jobs have been done for them by advanced students in these courses.

The Gym-Auditorium has again served as the meeting place for all large community gatherings. Here, too, the school presented and sponsored many fine programs.

#### Plans for the Future:

In the future, with Divine guidance and help,

we hope to grow and broaden our usefulness. Definite goals have been set. The College Corporation has authorized the Board of Education to plan for the erection of a new auditorium which will be more adequate for the needs of the school and community. It has authorized the conversion of the present gymnasium into a building that will more adequately house the shop and mechanics equipment. The work of the agriculture department is to be enlarged, and in time a farm is to be procured for farm management and experimentation work. Visual education, for which we are already well equipped, is to be used more extensively by all departments. This service too it is planned to make increasingly available to the community.

Our aim, stated in broad terms, is to make religion a more vital part of ourselves, our students, and our communities through every phase of the work we carry on; religion which emanates not only from the Bible department but from every department and from every avenue of service open to us; a religion that is a way of life in work and in play—on Monday as well as on Sunday. That we think is our task. To accomplish it we humbly ask your help and prayers and Divine guidance from above.—Marie Waldner.

#### THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES Of the General Conference

It was not long after the General Conference was organized in 1861 that the first women's mission societies came into being. The earliest was formed in 1867 at Donnelson, Iowa, where the General Conference was born. By 1900 there were thirty-one organized mission societies and by 1917 there were sixty-eight societies.

It had been customary to have a women's missionary program in connection with the General Conference, a program committee being elected each time at the short business session. At the General Conference in Reedley in 1917 the program committee was made the executive committee of mission societies in response to a felt need of an intermediary organization between the missionaries on the field and the societies at home. This committee consisted of Mrs. S. S. Haury, president; Mrs. Ferdinand Isaac, secretary; and Mrs. R. A. Goerz, treasurer. With the adoption of a constitution at Hutchinson in 1929 the name was

changed to "Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Association of the General Conference Mennonites of North America."

At first the work of the mission societies was mostly that of sewing for the boarding school children of the Oklahoma Indian mission. Busy mothers in rural communities began the day early, took their children along and drove in buggies to the "Nahverein." In the twenties there was still more sewing plus packing when quantities of garments for all ages were sewed for the Christians in India. Later as the missionaries changed to the policy of working toward a self-supporting church by buying native cloth and teaching the people to sew, the ingenuity of the sisters was brought out in the ways which they found to make money for the various projects sponsored by them. This called for better organization so that today we find that most of the societies are well organized with committees directing the various types of work. Money is raised by annual dues, monthly offerings, quilting, serving at public sales, special offerings at public programs, doing "fancy work" and making useful articles for bazaars, food sales, serving dinners at public functions and in various other ways.

As the work grew it became necessary in 1923 to add three sewing supervisors and by 1929 one for each district was elected. Packers were appointed for different areas. Later as the sewing decreased the supervisors, now called district advisers, took over the work of compiling the statistical data for their respective districts and reporting same.

The need for literature was met when one society—Missionary Society of First Mennonite Church, Bluffton, Ohio,—asked that the work of its literature committee which had prepared literature for its own society, be taken over by the executive committee. This was done and a committee of three was appointed at the General Conference in Berne in 1926. Since then the members who have faithfully served on this committee have done much to bring missionary information and inspiration to the sisters.

The official organ of the Association, the *Missionary News and Notes* had its beginning in 1926 when a resolution was passed authorizing the executive committee to publish a "monthly letter" to be sent to societies. At first this letter was edited by the secretary.

By 1938 the work had grown to such an extent that the editing was separated from the secretaryship. From a mailing list in 1929 of 428 names it has grown to over 7000. For many years societies have subscribed for the paper for every sister in the respective church, thus increasing missionary interest in the churches.

In 1935 a Junior and Intermediate secretary was appointed to extend the work among younger age groups. Later secretaries were also appointed or elected in the various districts to promote this work in each district. The general secretary of the Junior and Intermediate Department together with the officers and the chairmen of the literature and advisory committees is now also a member of the Executive Committee.

Considerable interest has been shown since 1935 in the Pension Fund for retired missionaries. Many societies have "Two cent a Week" groups which contribute to this fund. It now has a total of \$26,426.00 most of which has come from the mission societies. It is administered by the Board of Trustees of the General Conference.

An effort to promote fellowship among women of Mennonite faith resulted in a meeting on August 13, 1941, in Goshen, Indiana, when a committee was appointed now known as the Mennonite Women's United Service Committee with representatives from the Central, Defenseless and General Conferences. Plans to start independent work meeting with no success, migrant work has been done under the Home Missions, Council. Miss Leonore Friesen was the first worker in the summer of 1944, and in 1945 another, Miss Katherine Andreas, was added. The financial obligations are divided in the ratio of 7-2-1 among the three conferences, General Central and Defenseless. Another member is to be added on the committee from the General Conference and the presidents of the three conferences are also members.

Relief sewing has received much attention since before the entrance of the U. S. into the war. Societies order cut garments from the cutting rooms at Kalona, Iowa, Gordonville, Pa., and the one opened more recently by women of the General Conference at Bluffton, Ohio. The clothing center opened last year at Newton by M.C.C. has greatly facilitated this work.

Canning for C.P.S. has been done three

summers now with mounting response. This year the Food for relief program assumes paramount importance as the sisters are brought face to face with the homeless and starving condition of thousands in Europe.

Accurate statistics are almost impossible to obtain because the questionnaires are never all returned and the work is so varied. But the following will give some idea of participation and work done.

#### RELIEF ACTIVITIES DURING 1945

The year 1945 was one of increased relief concern and activity on the part of Mennonites. While a relief ministry was carried on during World War II, the opportunity to bind up the wounds and relieve the suffering of war victims was increased many fold when hostilities in Europe came to an end in the spring of this past year and also in Asia during the late summer. A major part of this opportunity relates to the effects the war had upon the Mennonites who resided in the battle areas. We believe that our first responsibility should be to our household of faith, and consequently much of our relief effort is being directed to bring assistance to our brethren in Europe. Also, the war has affected several Mennonite mission fields, particularly those in the Far East, and we feel that we have an obligation there. These first concerns, however, have not deterred the M.C.C. in its established policy to minister to all needy ones it may have opportunity to serve regardless of their religious affiliation, nationality, or social status.

#### Major Developments on the Field

In March, our workers entered France; in July, Holland; in September, Belgium. Also, C. F. Klassen, during the fall months, entered Germany and Denmark and established contacts with many displaced Russian and German Mennonites. This past year also saw the initial work begun for the opening of a relief project in Ethiopia. Under UNRRA, five Mennonite workers began service in Italy in behalf of displaced persons. In the Far East, Mennonite representatives were able to enter China and began negotiations for a relief service in Honan. In Paraguay the way seems to be opening for the setting up of a leper colony. During the summer of 1945, Orie O. Miller visited the Mennonite relief fields in Europe, Middle East, and Far East. H. A. Fast carried out a similar mission to our Latin American

relief interests.

#### Northwest Europe

In ENGLAND a number of projects were discontinued with the close of the war, but the center at London remains the headquarters office for the entire Northwest Europe program, and "Taxal Edge," the home near Manchester for convalescent boys is maintained. The relief work in FRANCE has been reestablished along the pattern set up before the war. Six children's homes are directed by Mennonite personnel. A center has been located at Chalon-sur-Saone from which the distribution of food and clothing is to be directed. In cooperation with Dutch Mennonites a program of relief is administered in HOLLAND. Large shipments of food, clothing, shoes, and soap have been directed to Holland and are distributed from the office at 452 Singel, Amsterdam. In BELGIUM a relief program is getting under way with the distribution of clothing and food. In Brussels two workers are serving under the YMCA in camps for prisoners of war.

#### Middle East

In the earlier months of 1945 sixteen Mennonite relief workers were serving in the refugee camps in the Middle East under the administration of UNRRA. Later when the war closed several of the camps were discontinued and many of the Yugoslav and Greek evacuees were repatriated. Consequently, the Mennonite personnel was transferred to other relief fields. At the present time only four Mennonite workers remain in Egypt. In May, 1945, one of our workers, Marie K. Fast, lost her life while assisting in the repatriation of Yugoslav refugees. In ETHIOPIA three workers made investigation for the organizing of a relief unit in that country. Adam, a place sixty miles north of Addis Ababa, has been decided upon as the location for our service in Ethiopia. Italy is not in the Middle East but five of our workers who had been serving in Egypt were transferred to this country and in a general way it has been considered a part of our relief interests in the Middle East. The personnel in Italy are also serving under UNRRA with assignment to camps for displaced persons. In December of 1945 seven additional workers were appointed for Italy and a shipment of relief clothing was consigned.

#### Far East

The major part of our relief effort in this

area was expended in INDIA, particularly in Bengal in connection with famine-flood relief and rehabilitation. The program in India has developed into a supplementary work to the Mennonite and Brethren in Christ missions in that country. During the month of October, S. F. Pannabecker and P. P. Blatzer were able to enter CHINA and initiate plans for the organizing of a Mennonite relief service there. Considerable interest has been shown in beginning a relief service in the Philippine Islands and in the Dutch East Indies.

#### Latin America

The M.C.C. relief program in Paraguay has been one of providing mutual aid for our brethren in the Chaco and the carrying out of a number of relief efforts as "thank you" projects in behalf of Paraguayan people. A supplementary childfeeding program was conducted on a small scale at Itacurubi. The ground work for the founding of a leper colony has been laid and investigation has been carried out for the opening of a hookworm-control project. In PUERTO RICO our relief efforts continue along the lines of a medical and community-building program in cooperation with PRRA. The hospital at the La Plata Center and the out-clinics cared for approximately nine hundred out-patient calls and about one hundred hospitalized patients per month. The community-building program provides educational, recreational, vocational, and home-making training. During the latter part of 1945 the construction of a unit chapel was begun.

#### Food, Clothing, Money

During the summer of 1945 a food-for-relief program was organized and initiated throughout the Mennonite and Brethren in Christ churches in the United States and Canada. The response to this form of material aid was enthusiastic and liberal. Amazingly large quantities of meat, flour, canned fruit and vegetables, and other foodstuffs were donated. Processing centers and warehouses were opened at East Petersburg, Pa., and Kalona, Iowa, in the States; and at five different points in Canada. Twenty-five C.P.S. men were detached to man the canneries, collection centers, and warehouses. By far the largest single item of food contributed was flour. Present indications are that the total for United States and Canada will reach 110 carloads. Noteworthy also are the two carloads of raisins, two and one-half

carloads of beans, and a carload of corn. Other carload lots of grain and fruit are in prospect. The home processed food contributions for relief from United States and Canada bid fair to exceed the 600,000 quart mark. Approximately 1,704 tons, valued at \$157,801.02, of foodstuffs have been sent overseas to relief areas or are awaiting shipment at port-side.

The donation of new and used clothing, shoes, bedding, soap, and other materials continued throughout 1945. In addition to the collection centers at Akron, Pa.; Kitchener, Ont.; Newton, Kansas; a fourth was opened at Winnipeg, Manitoba. From December 1, 1944, to November 30, 1945, over 208½ tons of clothing, shoes, and soap were received at the collection centers and over 135 tons were sent overseas to relief areas. Value of this was \$263,357.22.

A liberal support of the relief program in the form of cash continued during 1945. Receipts from December 1, 1944 to November 30, 1945, totaled U. S., \$323,920.89; Canada, \$61,072.14. This was expended on the various relief fields as follows: from U. S., \$287,207.95; from Canada, \$52,197.65.

It has become apparent that the close of the war and the opening up of relief areas has brought before us an urgent and weighty opportunity and challenge for a positive expression of our peace convictions, the rendering of mutual assistance to many of our Mennonite brethren, and a witness to the evangelical faith and practice of Christianity. With continued prayer, financial and material support, the consecration of devoted workers, and the operation of the Holy Spirit we may continue to witness to the Gospel of peace and love and not fail in the work which the times have laid upon us. —Irvin B. Horst

#### TABLE I

#### NUMBER OF RELIEF WORKERS ACCORDING TO AREA (As of December 31, 1945)

Paraguay	9
Puerto Rico	37
Total for Latin America	46
Egypt	4
Ethiopia	6
Italy	5
Total for Middle East	15
India	8
China	2

Total for Far East -----	10
England -----	10
France -----	14
Belgium -----	3
Switzerland -----	2
Holland -----	9
Total for Northwest Europe -----	38
Total Number of Relief Workers -----	109

TABLE II

**NUMBER OF RELIEF WORKERS  
ACCORDING TO RELIGIOUS  
AFFILIATION**

Mennonite -----	45
General Conference Mennonite -----	38
Mennonite Brethren -----	11
Mennonite Brethren in Christ -----	2
Evangelical Mennonite Brethren -----	2
Old Order Amish Mennonite -----	2
Brethren in Christ -----	2
Baptist -----	2
Central Conference Mennonite -----	1
Church of God in Christ, Mennonite -----	1
Conservative Amish Mennonite -----	1
Church of Christ -----	1
Methodist -----	1
Total Number of Relief Workers -----	109

**LIST OF GENERAL CONFERENCE  
MENNONITE RELIEF WORKERS**

**Paraguay**

Dr. John R. Schmidt, Canton, Kansas  
 Mrs. John R. Schmidt, R. N., Canton, Kansas  
 Elvin R. Souder, Souderton, Pa.  
 Mrs. Elvin R. Souder, Souderton, Pa.  
 Dr. A. M. Lohrentz, McPherson, Kansas

**Puerto Rico**

Harry E. Martens, Buhler, Kansas (CPS)  
 Victor Buller, Mt. Lake, Minn. (CPS)  
 Marvin Dyck, Newton, Kansas (CPS)  
 Carl Epp, Henderson, Nebraska (CPS)  
 Hugh Hostetler, North Newton, Kansas (CPS)  
 Roland Kaufman, Galva, Kansas (CPS)  
 Delbert V. Preheim, Freeman, S. D. (CPS)  
 Erwin E. Schrag, Marion, S. D. (CPS)  
 Oswald Goering, Elyria, Kansas (CPS)  
 A. James Rinner, Bluffton, Ohio (CPS)  
 Mrs. Delbert Preheim, Moundridge, Kansas  
 Mrs. Richard Weaver, Pennsbury, Pa.  
 Mrs. Victor Buller, Newton, Kansas  
 Edna Peters, R. N., North Newton, Kansas

**Egypt**

Henry Detwiler, Souderton, Pa.

**Italy**

Delvin Kirchhofer, Bluffton, Ohio  
 Bertha Fast, Mt. Lake Minnesota  
 Arthur Jahnke, Herbert, Sask.

**India**

Ralph C. Kauffman, Newton, Kansas

**China**

S. F. Pannabecker, Bluffton, Ohio  
 Wilhelmina Kuyf, Philadelphia, Pa.

**England**

Cornelius Dyck, Laird, Sask.

**France**

Henry Buller, Ontario, Calif.  
 Mrs. Henry Buller, Ontario, Calif.  
 Ellen Harder, Whitewater, Kansas  
 Charlotte Regier, Whitewater, Kansas  
 Ella Schmidt, Upland, Calif.

**Belgium**

A. Delmar Wedel, Aberdeen, Idaho

**Switzerland**

Samuel J. Goering, North Newton, Kansas

**Holland**

Peter Dyck, Laird, Sask.  
 Elma Esau, Whitewater, Kansas  
 Ruth Hilty, Pandora, Ohio  
 Marie Ediger, R. N., Buhler, Kansas

**THE MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE  
AID SECTION**

During the past year the Aid Section released two publications. The one is a forty-four page pamphlet entitled *Mennonite Colonization in Mexico*, and the other an eight-page pamphlet entitled "Is Your Community Organized For Mutual Aid." The latter is a brief outline of the principles and plans of operation on which the Aid Section works.

Because of the uncertain end of the war during the early part of 1945 it was difficult to plan accurately for demobilization and rehabilitation. The MCC desires to see every CPS man properly rehabilitated and for this reason has been actively trying to discover the nature of the needs and prepare to meet them. The Aid Section prepared demobilization and rehabilitation forms for all CPS men to fill out prior to discharge. The forms are dis-

tributed to all CPS units where they are filled out in duplicate and one copy made available for the Aid Section representative, and the other is kept in the CPS man's personal file.

A program of educational assistance has been worked out for all CPS men wanting to continue their education in Mennonite or affiliated colleges. The plan does not provide for students needing to go to graduate school or specialized non-Mennonite vocational schools.

During the year a noticeable growth in interest in the program of mutual aid has been noticeable. Many inquiries have been received from ministers and community leaders asking how CPS men might be attracted to settle in their communities for purposes of strengthening spiritual and social life. Local congregations frequently asked what they might do to build a mutual aid program locally. Employers of labor frequently asked how they might secure CPS men to work on their farms or in their factories. In one community the church members offered to buy a farm for a CPS man in an effort to attract him to their community and as an expression of sincerity in giving rehabilitation assistance.

Officers of the Aid Section are J. W. Fretz, North Newton, Kansas, Chairman; C. L. Graber, Goshen, Indiana, Vice Chairman; A. E. Janzen, Hillsboro, Kansas, Secretary.

### III. CPS MEN IN MENTAL HOSPITALS AS ATTENDANTS

There are at present approximately 1,000 men in MCC hospitals and training schools. More than 1,500 men have experienced actual ward work in mental institutions and have learned to know something about the difficulties of institutional care of mental patients. Hospital superintendents have been free in expressing their appreciation for the services rendered by CPS men. From Marlboro we received recently, what amounted to an emergency call for additional men. The superintendent had been unable to get enough civilian help to supply his needs and reported the hospital short more than 200 attendants; when about 20 of his CPS unit were discharged on length of service basis he found himself in desperate need of help. Through personal contacts and by means of a few explanatory wires we were able to supply 25 men in a short period of less than a week.

One of the tangible results of service in

mental hospitals rendered by more than 1,500 of our men is the interest created in Mennonite church circles in the establishment of a mental institution, or possibly a psychiatric ward in connection with our general hospitals. This is encouraging, and it speaks well for the spirit with which the work has been performed and the type of information that has been given out concerning the hospital and its functions. Concerning the type of service rendered by our men we will let others speak.

Dr. Frank F. Tallman, M. D., Commissioner of Mental Diseases in the State of Ohio, recently replied to an inquiry that came to him asking whether the attitude of the CPS men to the patients will carry over into the future attitudes of attendants. Quoting several superintendents, he writes, "Yes, I think their attitude has been very helpful to those attendants working around them and I think as far as the present personnel is concerned that their attitude of kindness and helpfulness will carry on in the future. I hope that other employees have become sufficiently saturated with the will to do good work that this can be passed on to new employees in the future." Another says, "I firmly believe that the attitude of the CPS men will carry over into the work done in the future." A third says, "The CPS group as a whole is much better qualified than our group of regular attendants."

Concerning the quality of work Doctor Tallman says that the answer from all the institutions has been that the quality of work is good. One institution uses the adjective "very good" and another "excellent." He reports that all institutions point out that there are a few individuals in their groups who do not measure up to the standards but it is also pointed out that in any group of that size this variation would be expected.

A state personnel director says to his hospital superintendent, "It would be my impression that we should do everything we possibly can to keep these people in our service . . . . In the meantime, do everything you can to keep them and you can be assured that we will give them every consideration possible." This was the state personnel director's answer to the inquiry whether there was any reason why a conscientious objector could not be selected for employment in the state civil service.

In our own units much has been done by

way of programs that have been rendered in communities, programs of music together with informational talks given by attendants. This has helped our own people to become acquainted with the work our men are doing, the types of problems they face, the types of service rendered so that we are much better informed now on the whole problem of mental patients and mental institutions than we were five years ago. Perhaps this will be rated as one of the most tangible as well as the most lasting contributions of CPS.

## IN MEMORIAM

### MARIE K. FAST

Marie K. Fast, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman J. Fast, embarked upon the voyage of life on February 20, 1901, on a farm southeast of Mountain Lake, Minnesota. This voyage came to an abrupt end somewhere in the Mediterranean when she was lost at sea on the night of May 1, 1945.



**Marie K. Fast**

Upon her confession of faith in Jesus Christ she was baptized by Elder H. H. Regier on May 27, 1917, and became a member of Bethel Mennonite Church of Mountain Lake. Although she spent many years away from her home community, she retained an active interest in her home church and remained a faithful member until the time of her death. As a Christian she was quiet and unassuming, but devoted to her Lord and conscientious in her service for Him, willing to make sacrifices, if necessary, to be a witness for Him.

After graduating from the Mountain Lake

High School and attending the local Bible School she entered nurses' training at the Mennonite Hospital in Beatrice, Nebraska, and graduated as Registered Nurse from a hospital in Lincoln, Nebraska. Thereafter she served for a time in the Beatrice Hospital and then came to the Bethel Hospital in Mountain Lake where she was employed from 1927 to 1937, serving as superintendent for over four years.

Desiring to increase her usefulness she undertook post-graduate study in hospitals in Detroit and in Chicago, specializing in anesthetics. Thereafter she served in hospitals in Red Wing, Minnesota, and Portland, Oregon. While she loved her work she was willing at times to leave it to come home and care for members of her own family who were ill, including her mother, her sister Olga, and more recently also her father.

With the advent of the war she felt a desire to enter into a more sacrificial type of Christian service according to the Mennonite tradition and volunteered her services to the Mennonite Central Committee as a War Relief worker. On Easter Sunday, April 9, 1944, she appeared for the last time before her home church to give public testimony of her faith in Christ and her willingness to follow this new call of God. She was assigned to Near East Relief and after a few months of special training sailed for Egypt where she worked among Yugoslav Refugees. Shortly before her death, it was her joy to visit Palestine, to walk in paths where Jesus walked, little realizing how soon she would meet Him face to face.

When a group of Yugoslav refugees were to be repatriated she volunteered to serve as an escort on the ship which took the refugees back to their homeland. The ship delivered the refugees safely, but on the return, on the night of May 1, 1945, it was hit by a high explosive and sank. As the lifeboat in which Miss Fast was sitting was being lowered to the sea, one end of the boat came loose and the occupants fell into the water. Though Marie had a life belt and was seen again on the surface of the water, the night being very dark and the waves high, she soon drifted from sight and could not be found again. Thus in the very waters in which the Apostle Paul had traveled and had suffered shipwreck, she made the supreme sacrifice of giving her life in the service of her Saviour Jesus Christ.

She was preceded in death by her mother, by a brother, Herman, and two sisters, Elizabeth and Olga.

She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman J. Fast of Mountain Lake, two brothers, John B. Fast of Mountain Lake, and Dr. H. A. Fast of North Newton, Kansas; two sisters, Aganetha, missionary to China, now of Mountain Lake, and Sarah (Mrs. Henry W. Wall) of Dallas, Oregon; three sisters-in-law and two brothers-in-law, ten nieces, eight nephews, and a host of other relatives and friends.

#### HEINRICH P. UNRUH

Heinrich P. Unruh was born February 25, 1865, six miles south of Ostrog, in the village Karolswalde, Volhynia Province, Russia. He was the second of twelve children born to Peter Unruh and Maria Siebert Unruh. He attended German school in the village under George Unruh.

On October 24, 1874, the family joined the great Russian migration to America. After traveling to Hamburg by railroad they boarded the ship the *Vaderland* and arrived in Castle Gardens, New York, November 17. Here the group was met by the railroad agent C. B. Schmidt, who took them to Newton, Kansas. They arrived in Newton, November 24.

The next spring Peter Unruh moved with his family to Dakota Territory, settling north of the Silver Lake. Here the deceased continued his schooling under the great master, Peter Goertz.

On February 25, 1886, he was united in marriage to Helena Schultz, daughter of Henry T. Schultz and Anna Foth Schultz of Avon. To

this wedlock eight children were born. One boy died in infancy and a daughter preceded him in death in April, 1943.

Mr. and Mrs. Unruh lived near Marion, South Dakota, for a few years and in 1888 moved to Avon where he lived until his death. In 1889 he answered a call from the church and from God and was ordained a minister of the Friedensberg congregation on February 15, 1889. He served faithfully in this capacity, at the same time farming, for forty-six years. During all this time he received no remuneration for his services.

Rev. Unruh had some very outstanding characteristics as a Christian man that impressed those with whom he associated. Whenever there was a task for him to do, even though it was small, he did the very best he knew how. He always lived up to his word and was frank to say if he ever disagreed with anyone. His deep devotion to his church, his sincere Christian life, and his love for the Mennonite people and principles stood out in his character to those who knew him.

During the last few years of his life his health and eye-sight failed him. In August, 1943, he submitted to a major operation at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota. He recovered and lived a little longer than a year. After a few weeks of bedfastness he answered the call of his Heavenly Father and passed to his eternal reward on December 1, 1944.

Surviving him are four brothers; Jake of Kansas, John of Minnesota, Tobias of California, and Abraham of Montana; one sister, Mrs. Jacob Becker of Marion, South Dakota; six children, Anthony of Bloomfield, Montana, Ben of Emery, South Dakota, and Peter, William, Anna and Elizabeth, all of Avon.

—Verney Unruh

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